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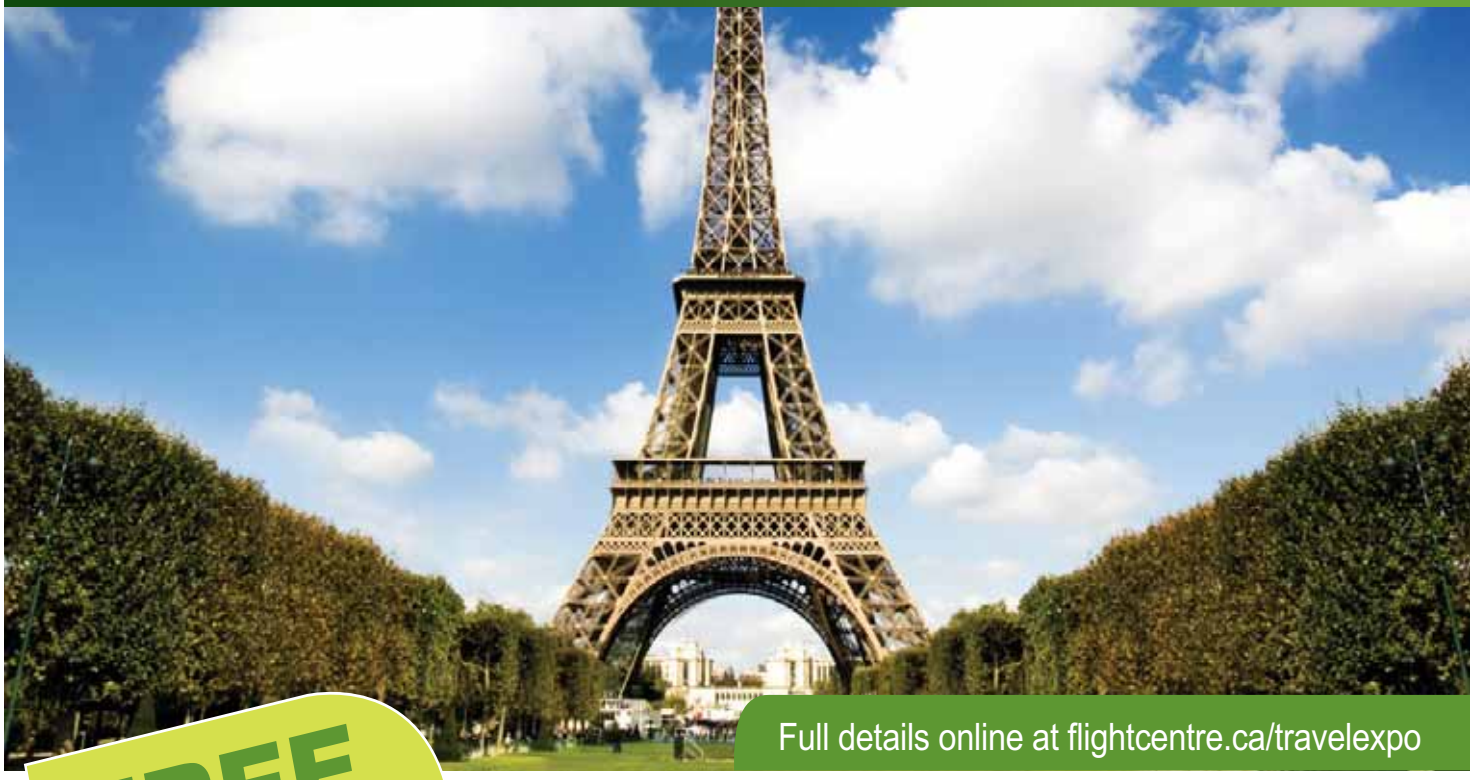

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Answering the tin can challenge

Teams competed at city hall in Calgary Thursday with creations like this Canadian flag during the 64th annual Canstruction Calgary competition. Teams used canned goods to create such masterpieces.

Libyan loyalists on the attack

Army executes targeted strikes as uprising rages {page 10}

Flames GM likes what he's got

But Feaster remains open to making a deal {page 40}

Budget sees $3.4B shortfall

Tories forecast spending of $39B and revenues of $35.6B, with the shortfall to be paid off by the province's rainy day Sustainability Fund

Ed Stelmach, in his final budget as premier Thursday, fought off the fiscal hawks to proclaim: Damn the red ink, full speed ahead with the road graders.

Stelmach's Progressive Conservative government is budgeting for a $3.4-billion deficit in 2011 in order to fund $6.6 billion in infrastructure spending on roads, schools and hospitals.

That figure, on a per capita basis, is 50 per cent more than any other province.

Stelmach's finance minister, Lloyd Snelgrove, said the government has learned from the past when it built in boom years while costs were high and cut to the bone when budgets were lean.

"There's a practical side when you see the damage that can be done by overcutting," said Snelgrove.

It's the third consecutive multibillion-dollar budget deficit.

Revenues are projected to go up by $1.6 billion, driven primarily by more resource and tax money. Bitumen royalties from Alberta oilsands are expected to deliver $4.1 billion in revenue this year and $7.1 billion within three years to put the province back in the black by 2014.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said lengthening the timeline for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding could result in unnecessary interest charges on city projects.

"The projects that we are building, like the west LRT, like the potential underpass, the money doesn't come until after the shovels are in the ground, so we have to finance them," he said.

"We're spending about $150 million just on interest to build the west LRT and that's really a result of us not having predictability in our long-term funding."

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Sustainability Fund

▶ The Sustainability Fund — surplus revenue socked away when oil and gas were delivering big surpluses in the last decade — was at $17 billion in its heyday, but will fall to $5.3 billion by the time the latest deficit is paid off in March 2012.

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A long fight with The Canadian Press over Tommy Douglas documents spurs policy change in Ottawa. More at metronews.ca

Blaze death a homicide, police say

Police say they are now treating the death of a Calgary man found unconscious inside a burning building Wednesday as a homicide.

Roderick Basaraba was found in his home in the 1800 block of 15th Street SW shortly after 10:15 a.m., said a Calgary fire spokesperson.

Crews pulled the 57-year-old from the building and attempted to resuscitate him.

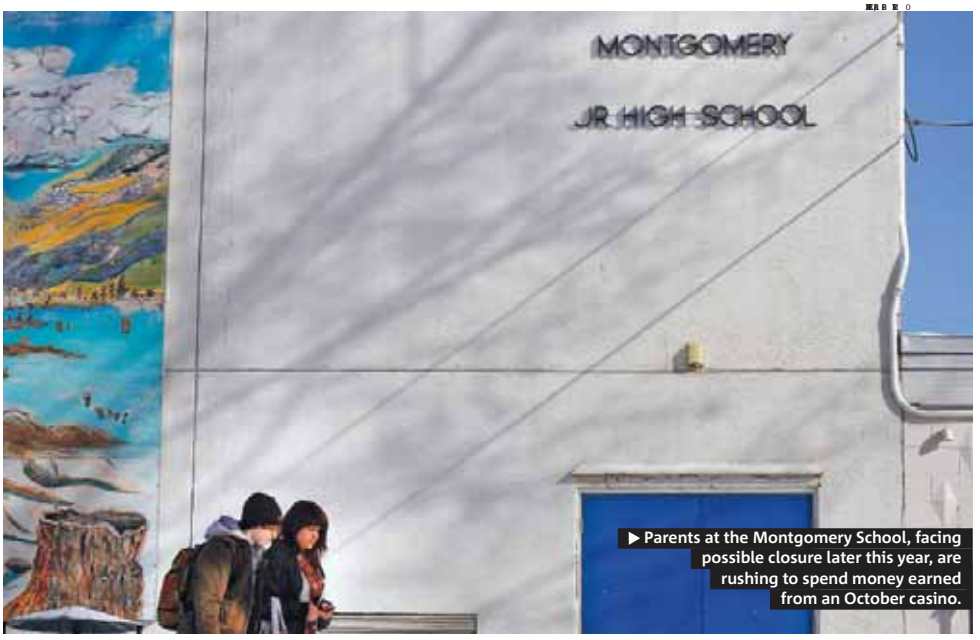
He died later that afternoon in hospital, police confirmed.

An autopsy conducted yesterday, as well as an investigation involving the Calgary police arson and homicide units, have led police to believe the incident was a homicide.

When questioned by Metro Wednesday, Basaraba's neighbours did not report anything unusual in the moments leading up to the fire. METRO

Remains found to be of Albertan soldier

Pte. Thomas Lawless was a 28-year-old Irish immigrant from Calgary who had come to Canada in 1909. He died June 9, 1917. His body was discovered beside another Alberta man — Pte. Herbert Peterson of Berry Creek — in Avion, France, near where a battle was fought. Peterson's remains were identified a few years ago, but it took a battery of tests to determine the identity of Lawless. THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Parents at the Montgomery School, facing possible closure later this year, are rushing to spend money earned from an October casino.

Closure fears spur frustration

- Parents wonder if the funds they raised could have been better spent
- CBE began official engagement about possible terminations in October

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More warning is needed about possible Calgary school closures to allow for better decision-making on where to spend parent-generated funds, say representatives.

Parents constantly raise concerns about where resources paid for by fundraisers, namely casinos, will end up if a school is closed, said Calgary Board of Education spokesperson Ted Flitton. However, he said the board strives to ensure equity for all students.

"What will happen are discussions between the principals of the affected schools ... one of them will be transitioning the resources from the affected schools to the receiving schools," he said.

But Rita Hiderman, parent council chair for Sir James Lougheed Elementary — which is facing possible closure, said more notice would have allowed for better planning.

"If we had known we were going to be in this situation two years ago we probably wouldn't have spent all that money," she said, singling out a display sign that cost more than $15,000.

At Montgomery School, parents are racing to spend $60,000 in casino funds after learning their school could be on the chopping block, said parent council chair Judy Van Horne. "If we had known about this sooner we could have worked in partnership with another school," she said.

Possible closure

1 Officially, the CBE has identified Montgomery School for possible closure and the grades 7-9 regular program at Robert Warren School.

2 Others schools, however, such as Sir James Lougheed School, have been told they could face similar action.

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News in brief

Disaster relief now available

SEVERE WEATHER. Calgarians who experienced non-insurable damage from flooding and groundwater seepage due to severe weather in July of 2010 can now apply for disaster recovery assistance.

On Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Disaster Recovery Program registration will occur at the Cedarbrae Community Hall. METRO

City has best housing prices

AFFORDABILITY. Owning a home in Alberta is more affordable than across the rest of the country, according to a report released Thursday by RBC.

The Housing Trends and Affordability report also said affordability in Calgary is the best it has been since 2005. METRO

Wife murderer gets five years

MANSLAUGHTER. A Calgary medical researcher will serve five years behind bars for killing his wife Yangrong (Susan) Cheng.

Shengjun An was sentenced in Calgary yesterday in the death stemming from a February 2010 argument after An found out Cheng was cheating. METRO

Alberta couple hurt in New Zealand quake

IN HOSPITAL. Two young Albertans are in hospital as a result of the earthquake earlier this week in New Zealand.

Chris Benoit confirms that his daughter Jenna, 21, and her boyfriend, Patrick Lee from Kitscoty, were in Christchurch this week and had checked into lodgings a couple of hours before the quake hit.

He said they tried to contact his daughter after hearing the news but were unable to reach her. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parking stall count online soon

Online parking stall availability will be running by end of summer: CPA Report to go to council in April

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Dale Fraser of the Calgary Parking Authority said reducing the amount of time it takes to find a parking stall will also reduce traffic congestion in the city.

Calgarians will soon be able to find out how many available parking stalls are open in downtown parkades before stepping foot out the door.

The Calgary Parking Authority is planning on introducing a system which would allow drivers to check the CPA website or their mobile device to find how many open stalls are available in downtown parkades.

"One of the complaints that we've heard for some time is finding parking when you come downtown," said CPA general manager Dale Fraser. "This information will provide real-time data about the parking stall that are available in each of our parkades."

Parkade user Scott Fisher said he would be wary of checking his phone to find a parking spot considering the distracted driver legislation is due to come into affect this year.

"I don't want to be caught with my BlackBerry looking at apps," he said. "I really haven't found too many issues finding spots, but I'm in before 7 a.m."

However, Stacey Mullaney said she only comes downtown once every few months but would likely utilize the online system before leaving.

No more circling

- The online program will show stall availability in seven downtown parkades.
- The number of stalls available is currently displaying on digital signs outside the parkades.
- CPA is also planning to install UV film on parking payment stall displays to reduce the glare on the glass.
- Another initiative the CPA is hoping to introduce is an online payment feature.

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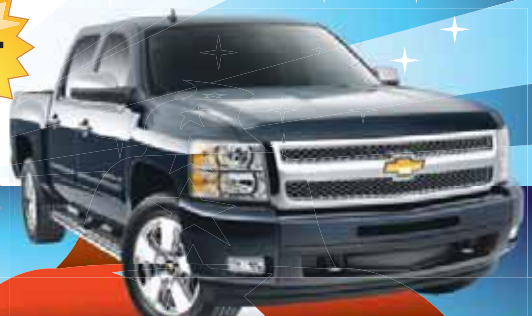

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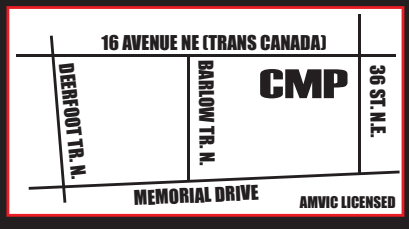

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Yoga enthusiasts to mobilize for good cause

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▶ Kim McNeil is ready to lead an expected crowd of about 100 people in a yoga class to raise money for arthritis on Sunday.

Organizers hoping for largest Calgary turnout in event's history

Calgarian Donald Karp is happy to race snowboard cross at a professional level primarily because a few years back he was nearly bed-ridden due to an arthritic-autoimmune disease commonly know as bamboo spine.

The experience has inspired Karp to speak at the Power of Movement fundraiser at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The event will take place at Eau Claire Market and will involve a yoga class where participants can donate a minimum of $5 to help raise money for arthritis and autoimmune diseases.

Kim McNeil, a local yoga instructor, will be teaching the class and expects a larger turnout this year than last year's crowd of 70. Having raised nearly $1,700 for the cause to date, she said she is motivated by more than just her love of yoga.

With a brother and close friend suffering from arthritis since their 20s, McNeil said fundraising and dispelling the myth that it only affects seniors is important.

CAROLINA NOVOTNY

Going to the mat

The Power of Movement started five years ago in Toronto and is now a national event with 12 event locations across the country. This is the third year it is being held in Calgary.

▶ Organizers have raised $700,000 in the past four years and hope to top the $1 million mark this year.

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Youngsters to play on Dome ice

Atom hockey players vie for shot at final game ◐ Flames Heritage Classic was played last Sunday

▶ The BT Outdoor Classic finals will be held at the Saddledome.

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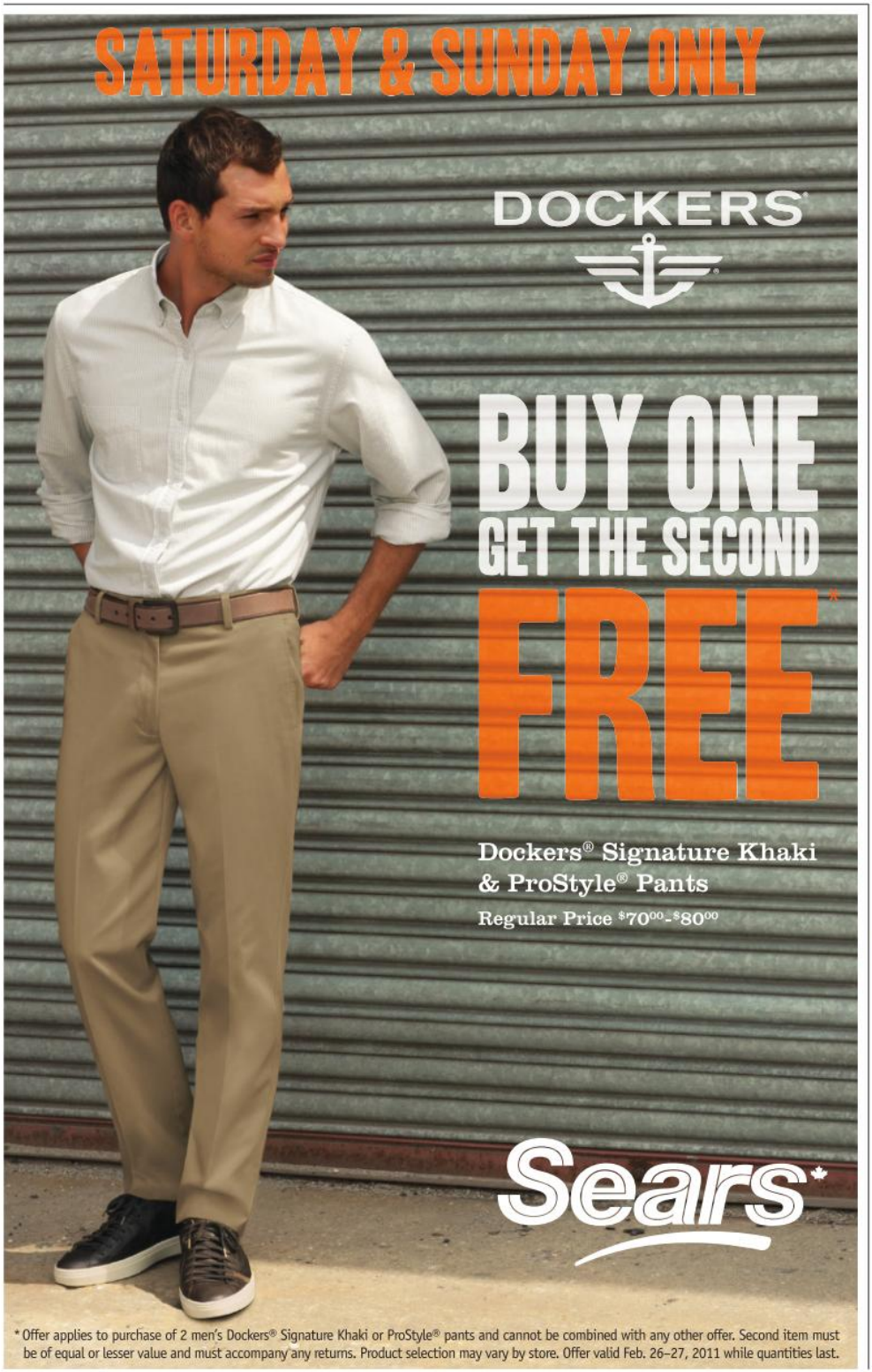
With temperatures dipping, Megan Rokosh, creative manager of Breakfast Television, said they made the decision to move the BT Outdoor Classic finals indoors Friday.

With the support of the Flames, it was decided the finals would be split into two parts, said Rokosh.

"They came to the plate and basically gave us the Saddledome for tomorrow morning as well as the Heritage Classic ice extended to Sunday so the kids get to play a two-part final — the first part being ... in the Saddledome, the second part of the Heritage Classic ice on Sunday morning," she said.

Rokosh said the two winning teams from Division 2 and Division 5 will square off.



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GAS REDUCTION PLAN

City goes green over emissions

Calgary received some green yesterday, to go towards reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities presented the city with a grant of $382,850 to go towards Calgary's Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

"They provided this money to us for the purpose of working with citizens in Calgary to develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Linda Harvey, team lead, air quality and climate change for the City of Calgary.

"The purpose of the plan is to bring together all the different parties that are going to be required to make these kind of reductions."

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Second deal inked for East Village

Announced Thursday, a second land development deal will help make way for the "vision" of revitalizing Calgary's East Village, says the chair of Calgary Municipal Land Corporation.

$300M
The deal announced Thursday is worth $300 million.

The $300-million announcement, combined with another deal of equal amount announced in the fall, will set the groundwork for developing approximately 1.2 million square feet of mixed-use development in the East Village.

Thursday's announcement will see Ontario-based FRAM Building Group and Slokker Real Estate Group work in conjunction with Tricon Capital Group.

"This deal represents tremendous confidence in both the Calgary market and the East Village vision," said Lyle Edwards, CMLC board chair.

Frank Giannone, president of FRAM, said the group sees the renaissance of East Village as an "unparalleled opportunity" for Calgary. The East Village is expected to provide housing for more than 11,000 residents. METRO

Alberta is affordable, report says

Alberta is now the most affordable province for homeowners, according to a new report released yesterday by RBC.

As well, Calgary's affordability is the best it has been in almost six years, the report said. Alberta was the only provincial market showing year-over-year home price declines.

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Callebaut headed to court

Bernard Callebaut will be stepping out of the kitchen and back into the courtroom.

The famed Belgian chocolate-maker is facing allegations he took boxes of bulk chocolates and moulds to make them from his old company Chocolaterie Bernard Callebaut.

The matter has reportedly been held over until March. METRO

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Army attacks Libyan rebels

Gadhafi maintains control over capital But uprising has divided country, pushing it toward civil war

Army units and militiamen loyal to Moammar Gadhafi struck back against rebellious Libyans who have risen up in cities close to the capital Thursday, attacking a mosque where many were holding an anti-government sit-in and battling with others who had seized control of an airport. A doctor at the mosque said 10 people were killed.

The assaults aimed to push back a revolt that has moved closer to Gadhafi's bastion in the capital, Tripoli. The uprising has already unravelled parts of Gadhafi's regime.

In the latest blow to the Libyan leader, a cousin who is one of his closest aides, Ahmed Gadhaf al-Dam, announced that he has defected to Egypt in protest against the regime's bloody crackdown against the uprising, denouncing what he called "grave violations to human rights and human and international laws."

In Zawiya, 50 kilometres west of Tripoli, an army unit attacked the city's Souq Mosque, where regime opponents had been camped for days in a protest calling for Gadhafi's ouster, a witness said. The soldiers opened fire with automatic weapons and hit the mosque's minaret with fire from an anti-aircraft gun, he said.

A doctor at a field clinic set up at the mosque said he saw the bodies of 10 dead, shot in the head and chest, as well as around 150 wounded.

The other attack came at a small airport outside Misrata, Libya's third largest city, where rebel residents claimed control Wednesday. Militiamen with rocket-propelled grenades and mortars barraged rebels who were guarding the airport, said one of the rebels involved in the battle.

During the fighting, the airport's defenders seized an anti-aircraft gun used by the militias and turned it against them, he said.

He said dead and wounded had been taken to Misrata hospitals but could not give exact figures.

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Global response

- **U.S. President Barack Obama** plans to call British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicholas Sarkozy to discuss possible actions by the international community.
- **White House spokesman** Jay Carney said Obama wants a concerted international effort to pressure the Libyan government.
- **Carney said** no options have been taken off the table, including the possibility of military action.

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▶ Libyan children take part in a protest Thursday in the eastern dissident-held Libyan city of Tobruk.

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▶ Rafat Al-Akhali drives through the streets of his hometown Wednesday after returning to Yemen from Canada. He is trying to work with anti-government students to bring about the fall of the regime without bloodshed.

A Yemeni homecoming

‘We want change but we don’t want it to be bloody,’ says one Yemeni, who lived in Canada for eight years

Rafat Al-Akhali’s solution for reforming his country sounds, well, so Canadian. He laughs.

“I know, I know, it does sound so nice. Hey, let’s just be friends.”

Maybe that’s what he gets for living in Calgary and Montreal for the last eight years, returning home as revolutions swept the Arab world. Al-Akhali, 28, grew up under President Ali Abdullah Saleh’s rule and, like many his age, says he was inspired by the revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt that toppled two autocratic presidents.

“But every time we look at that and try to figure out how it’s going to happen here, the scenarios don’t work out,” he said earlier this week as he drove through the capital’s downtown.

“We want change, but we don’t want it to be bloody. The corruption is there, the president and regime failed to manage the country properly, unemployment rate is high — Yemen is failing in many aspects.”

But Al-Akhali stresses what many analysts and politicians have said for weeks — Yemen is different.“The regime here is intertwined in the social fabric. They’re all tribal heads, they’re all influential, so when you say bring down the regime it’s like bringing down society.”

Al-Akhali says he knows his moderate message is not popular among the majority who want Saleh driven out of the country, but he hopes to appeal to the leaders who believe change can come in months, not days. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

“Some of the people out on the street just want him out. They don’t care if the devil rules them after this.”
RAFAT AL-AKHALI

‘Change Square’

Thousands joined the student-led sit-in outside the university gates Thursday, in the biggest crowd in the last two weeks.

- **A cardboard cutout** of President Ali Abdullah Saleh hangs from a streetlight by a noose above the protesters.
- **The students** have dubbed the area Al Tagheer (Change) Square.
- **The number** of street protesters increased after fatalities Tuesday night, when government loyalists broke through police lines and shot into the crowd.

Court gives same-sex spouse inheritance

A survivor of a same-sex marriage can inherit as a spouse, an appeals court said Thursday in a ruling a gay-rights legal group called the first appellate decision of its kind in New York.

J. Craig Leiby and H. Kenneth Ranftle were legally married in Canada, so Leiby is entitled to recognition as the surviving spouse in a dispute over Ranftle’s estate, the appellate judges said in upholding a lower court’s decision.

The case marks the first time a New York appeals court has afforded recognition to same-sex spouses for inheritance purposes, said Susan Sommer, senior counsel for the gay rights advocacy organization Lambda Legal. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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OPPOSITION

Bahrain OK's rival's return

A government spokeswoman said Thursday a prominent opposition leader will not be arrested if he returns to Bahrain, but it remained unclear whether he was free to travel.

Security and judicial officials in Lebanon said they have confiscated Hassan Meshaima's passport on an Interpol warrant. Meshaima arrived in Beirut on Tuesday en route to Bahrain, where protests erupted last week inspired by the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt.

Khalil Marzook, a senior member of Bahrain's biggest Shiite opposition bloc, Al Wefaq, called on Bahrain's government to lift the warrant.

Meshaima, the head of Shiite group Haq, is considered more hard-line than the main Shiite political bloc that has taken a lead among protesters.

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Yemen

President Ali Abdullah Saleh says he has ordered his security services to protect protesters, stop all clashes and prevent direct confrontation between government supporters and opponents.

- **The directive comes** at the end of the day when security forces in the southern port of Aden use tear gas and fired bullets in the air to disperse hundreds of protesters, and government supporters wielding clubs attacked demonstrators in the capital Sanaa.
- **Amnesty International says** two people were killed in Sanaa, the first fatalities in the capital since unrest began about two weeks ago.
- **Southerners,** who joined a unified Yemen in 1990, have started a political movement, saying they have been marginalized.

Prisons break down in Egypt

Egypt's military-led government to probe mass jail escapes during uprising ◐ Then minister in charge of police, prisons in custody

It remains one of the many murky chapters of Egypt's uprising — how did one-fourth of the nation's prisoners manage to escape and at least 120 end up dead, most in a single chaotic weekend?

Some allege the mass prison break was engineered by an embattled regime trying to cling to power by creating anarchy, though other testimony suggests there may not have been a single guiding hand.

A few days after the revolt began on Jan. 25, police vanished from the streets and the military took over — a transition that was followed immediately by an explosion of looting, arson and lawlessness on the streets of Cairo. During a weekend of chaos, about 23,000 of the nation's 80,000 prisoners fled.

While security forces appear to have released inmates or abandoned posts at some prisons, guards elsewhere used live fire to put down riots or battled armed men trying to free prisoners, including by ramming a gate with a bulldozer. At one lockup, prisoners said they were left for days without food or water after the wardens fled and only armed guards manning watchtowers remained behind.

The military-led government has said it would investigate the "security breakdown" — the mysterious disappearance of police from the streets on Jan. 28, followed by violence and mass escapes at several prisons. Habib al-Adly, the former interior minister who was in charge of police and prisons at the time, is now in detention.

"There really needs to be a public accounting at the highest level of what went on in Egyptian prisons"

JOE STORK, THE NEW YORK-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

"There really needs to be a public accounting at the highest level of what went on in Egyptian prisons," said Joe Stork of the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

Hossam Bahgat, an Egyptian human rights activist following the probe, said even three weeks later, the events are shrouded in mystery.

Of the 23,000 escaped prisoners, 12,000 remain at large while 11,000 either turned themselves in or were captured, according to the interior ministry.

Information remains sketchy, but testimony suggests events differed from prison to prison.

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▶ German foreign minister Guido Westerwelle talks to media during his visit to Tahrir Square, the focal point of the Egyptian uprising, in Cairo.

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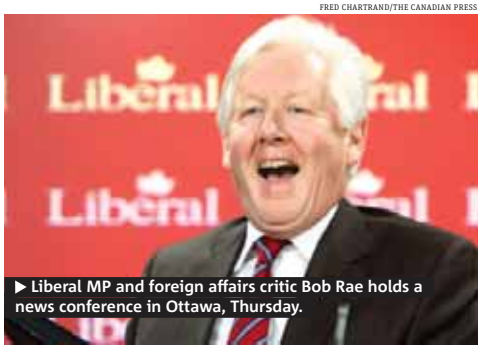

▶ Liberal MP and foreign affairs critic Bob Rae holds a news conference in Ottawa, Thursday.

Bev Oda did what?

Bob Rae dismisses Tory suggestions Canadians don't care about memo from Oda's officials over funding for a church-based foreign aid group

Opposition parties are vowing to turn the Oda affair into an excruciating toothache for the Harper government even as a new poll suggests half of Canadians are numb to the controversy.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll found 50 per cent of those surveyed had heard nothing about the document-altering scandal swirling around International Co-operation minister Bev Oda.

Overall, 32 per cent said the minister should resign from cabinet, 10 per cent said she should stay and eight per cent were unsure.

The results have to be disappointing for opposition parties, who've been relentlessly hammering away at the issue for two weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Paul Martin worrying over budget numbers

55.6 A report released last November by Kevin Page, the parliamentary budget officer, shows Ottawa's deficit falling sharply from the record $55.6 billion.

The man who slashed the federal deficit in the 1990s says he's worried about the upcoming budget and the debt that will be shouldered by future generations.

Paul Martin, who was Liberal finance minister before he became prime minister, said Thursday there's a lot of debate over the figures used by the Conservative government.

Martin said budget watchdogs — including the parliamentary budget officer, the International Monetary Fund, the Fraser Institute and the C.D. Howe Institute — have all said the numbers "don't hold up."

"Think about what's going to happen," Martin told about 200 Liberal supporters at a speech in Regina.

"If their numbers are no good — and that's before taking into account a slowing U.S. economy and an aging population — well, then you think what's going to happen and again that is what we are bequeathing to our children." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Century-old mistake costing B.C. government

One small mistake with a land survey pin almost 100 years ago is going to cost the B.C. government about $4.5 million.

The Squamish First Nation recently noticed that a 1917 provincial survey of its Cheakamus Indian Reserve was missing about 10 acres that were included in the first federal government survey done in 1881.

Lands Minister Pat Bell said the mistake has been passed on through subsequent surveys, until the band noticed and recently brought it to the province's attention.

"The issue here is you always move back to the original pin, and it was the original (1917) pin that was in error," Bell said of the surveys done over the decades. The land, near Squamish, B.C. was sold off in 14 parcels and a dozen of those properties now have either residential or recreational homes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family. Court

▶ Sharon McDonough leaves Central Islip, N.Y., family court after temporarily losing custody of six of her children in this Nov. 10, 2009 file photo.

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A troubled household

Sharon McDonough admitted in court Thursday that she abused her children and dozens of pets, sometimes torturing dogs and cats to death in the presence of her young daughters.

Hundreds gather to see royal dedication

Will and Kate, who are based in Wales, made an official visit to their local community Hundreds came out to see the royal couple bless a new vessel

It was only a lifeboat. But it gave hundreds of people a chance to cheer Thursday as Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton made an official visit to dedicate the new vessel.

In a ceremony in Anglesey, Wales, the prince made a short statement asking that all those who used the boat be blessed, and then Middleton, with a big smile, poured champagne over the lifeboat.

"I do the talking, she does the fun bit," William joked.

The champagne bottle was not broken over the boat, as is traditional, because the boat was an inflatable and it would not have been easy to crack a bottle on its bow.

Middleton looked elegant and comfortable in her new role as a princess-to-be. She wore a three-quarter length tailored beige coat designed by British designer Katherine Hooker, and had her hair swept back and topped by a chic feathery hat.

Prince William named the Trearddur Bay Lifeboat Station's new lifeboat the Hereford Endeavour at the ceremony 485 kilometres northwest of London.

He and Middleton joined the crowd in singing God Save the Queen, followed by the Welsh national anthem.

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"He is a great lad, and she is a beautiful girl."
JEAN CRITCHLEY, 63, WHO SAID IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT

A royal visit

The couple has kept a low profile since announcing their engagement in November.

- They have made only one other appearance at a charity event.
- The couple will visit their alma mater, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, on Friday.
- They plan to marry April 29 at Westminster Abbey with nearly 2,000 guests attending.

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▶ Prince William and Kate Middleton arrive at a service of dedication for a new RNLI lifeboat at Trearddur Bay Lifeboat Station in Anglesey, Wales, on Thursday.

Beauty queen loses her crown

A Texas beauty queen who accused pageant organizers of harassing her about her weight lost an appeal to a judge who denied her efforts to temporarily forbid a new Miss San Antonio from taking her place.

Attorneys for Domonique Ramirez say the 17-year-old isn't giving up and will now take her case to a Texas jury.

But pageant organizers, weary of a case fit for a soap opera, wasted no time crowning Ashley Dixon as Miss San Antonio — placing the tiara on her while the former runner-up sat in the gallery of the courtroom.

Ramirez was not in court Wednesday for the decision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Search and recovery personnel sift through the destroyed CTV building in Christchurch.

Searching for survivors

Officials appeal to families of the missing to be patient, saying the agony could be worse if rushed identifications came to wrong conclusions

Rescuers fanned out into unchecked areas of New Zealand's quake-devastated city Thursday, looking for any remaining life in the rubble, as the death toll rose to 113 with "grave fears" that many of the 228 missing are dead.

"Rescue team! Rescue team!" a visiting firefighter from Australia called out as his team went through an office building apparently abandoned during Tuesday's disaster in Christchurch. There was no response.

Police said more than 100 bodies may still lie trapped in the tangled concrete and steel that was the Canterbury Television or CTV building. Dozens of students were buried when an English-language school collapsed along with other offices.

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Hay Island: 'Killing field' for seals

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▶ This seal was struck by a hunter and wounded before it escaped into the water.

The grey seal hunt on Nova Scotia's Hay Island started yesterday as the weather improved enough to allow hunters, anti-hunt activists and fisheries officers to set out.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans confirmed that all had arrived on the tiny outcrop of rock off eastern Cape Breton.

Humane Society International/Canada issued a statement shortly after the hunt began, condemning federal and provincial officials for allowing it to happen in a designated wilderness area.

"What we witnessed is a crime against nature," said Rebecca Aldworth, the society's executive director. "One of the greatest wildlife spectacles on Earth has just been turned into a killing field."

The society is calling on Ottawa to implement a one-time buyout of the commercial sealing industry and to invest in economic alternatives, including ecotourism.

300 The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has set a quota for the island of 1,900 animals, down from 2,200 last year — 300 seals will be spared this year.

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Pelican unlikely strip club patron

A storm-tossed pelican discovered on the roof of a Halifax-area strip club has been offered a ride home to the United States.

Ralph the brown pelican has been living in a barn since last fall, when he was blown off course by hurricane Earl.

The Hope for Wildlife Society of Seaforth has been feeding him herring and warming him with a heat lamp.

Initial attempts to fly Ralph south on a commercial aircraft were fouled by regulatory issues.

But society spokeswoman Hope Swinimer says local business owner Garry Sowerby has offered to drive the big bird to a wildlife sanctuary in North Carolina.

She says they plan to begin the journey March 7.

Ralph got his name after first being seen on the roof of Ralph's Place strip club in September.

He was taken to the wildlife centre, tired and hungry, after colliding with a plate glass window.

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Second saving

This is the second time the wildlife society in Nova Scotia has helped a lost brown pelican find his way home.

▶ **In 2003,** it took two weeks to get the necessary paperwork to return Nigel to where he belonged.

No charges for man claiming he euthanized wife

- Stephan Bolton says wife had two months to live
- Tells newspaper he has been haunted by his actions

A Nova Scotia man who claims he gave his terminally ill wife a lethal injection last month says he's "in a lot of jeopardy" despite being released from police custody.

Stephan Bolton of Liverpool says he was let go Thursday without being charged, a day after he told the Halifax Chronicle Herald he was going to turn himself in to police.

RCMP will only say a 56-year-old man who turned himself in Wednesday to confess to a possible homicide has been released without charges and their investigation is continuing.

They say the man, who they won't officially name, remains a person of interest in the investigation and is co-operating with police.

The Halifax Chronicle Herald reported Wednesday that Bolton called the newspaper to tell his story before going to police.

He claimed his 59-year-old wife Barbara, who owned a taxi and photography business, had Stage 4 breast cancer.

Bolton has said he wanted to spur public debate about the issue of euthanasia.

"Every single person in this country needs a wake-up call about what's going," he said after he was released by police.

"It's time we went to vote on it instead of going through back doors, instead of doing things quasi-legal. It's time the people of the country made a vote, decided the issue and put it to rest."

Bolton said he wants to take responsibility for his actions and will accept the outcome if he is charged.

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Lethal injection

- While she wasn't in terrible pain, Bolton told the Chronicle Herald his wife was very depressed.
- He claimed that on Jan. 22, he gave her a lethal injection of two medications — morphine and Nozinan.
- Bolton said he and his wife never discussed the possibility of euthanasia and he didn't ask if she wanted a lethal injection.

Quebec cops caught sleeping in cruiser

Two Quebec provincial police officers caught snoozing in their cruiser are now under investigation by their force — and under the global gaze of YouTube. They were caught on tape by an amateur videographer in the act of, well, not doing anything Thursday morning.

The brief encounter began when the camera-toting citizen walked up to the parked vehicle. He continued rolling tape as the two officers, their seats tilted all the way back, were in the deepest throes of somnolent recline.

Police spokesman Ronald McInnis said the force is investigating.

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When one of the policeman woke up, he asked for the cameraman's driver's licence — and gave him a $156 ticket for a parking violation.

MPs. Promote

▶ Shelly Glover, Conservative MP for Saint Boniface, tours the construction site at the Salvation Army multicultural family centre with John Nelson, the centre's interim director, Thursday in Winnipeg.

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Tories go on a blitz

The Harper government is sending 80 MPs across the country on a taxpayer-funded campaign to promote its economic action plan.

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Prices drop, as Libyan oil sputters

- Crude prices in just a week have jumped 20 per cent to two-year highs
- Investors worry other Mideast oil producers could be engulfed in chaos

High and dry

- **Italy this week suspended** its Greenstream pipeline supply of natural gas from Libya into Italy. Italy, which takes 12 per cent of its natural gas from Libya, is having to import more from Norway, Algeria, Russia and other countries.
- **Spanish energy company** Repsol says it is producing about 160,000 barrels of crude daily in Libya, down from 300,000 barrels before the crisis started.
- **French oil giant Total says** it started to wind down its operations last year, while Germany's Wintershall shut down operations that produced up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day.

Oil prices dropped on Thursday for the first time in nine days after the International Energy Agency said the rebellion in Libya may have cut oil production less than feared.

The International Energy Agency said companies have cut production by 500,000 to 750,000 barrels per day, or less than one per cent of global daily oil consumption. That's roughly half of what Italy's Eni, Libya's largest oil producer, estimated on Thursday.

The IEA also said it can make up for lost shipments by tapping into surpluses held by member countries, which include the U.S., the U.K., France and Germany. Member nations hold 1.6 billion barrels of emergency oil, or enough to supply the group for 145 days.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 8 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
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+ $0.82 US ($97.28 US)	**Gold contracts** $1,415.80 (+ $1.80)

The IEA said it is in close contact with OPEC as well. Saudi Arabia, the most important member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said it would increase production, if necessary, to make up for shortfalls. The Saudis produce about 8.5 million barrels of oil a day and have the capacity to produce more than 12 million barrels a day.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery fell 82 cents yesterday to settle at $97.28 US on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Thursday's drop suggests traders "are starting to recognize that prices have become overextended," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

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▶ Traders work the crude-oil options pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday. Libyan unrest sent oil up to more than $100 US a barrel at times this week.

MacBook hit by Thunderbolt

The new MacBook Pro laptops are the first to include a "Thunderbolt" port for high-speed connections to displays and other peripherals such as external hard drives, Apple Inc. said Thursday.

The technology was developed by Intel Corp., which aims to spread it to the rest of the PC industry.

Thunderbolt replaces the Mini DisplayPort on MacBooks. It can connect directly to DisplayPort monitors, such as those made by Apple. Like DisplayPort, the Thunderbolt port can also be used with adapters to connect to other displays with DVI, HDMI and VGA connectors.

What's new is that Thunderbolt can also carry data to peripherals such as hard drives that use USB, FireWire, Ethernet or the new PCI Express standard. It carries data at speeds 20 times higher than most USB cables.

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Upgrades

- **Other upgrades to Apple's** MacBook Pro include new Intel processors and new graphics chips from Advanced Micro Devices.
- **Apple also increased the** resolution of built-in webcams.

SunChips eco bag survives crunch

After fielding a barrage of complaints about its noisy biodegradable SunChips bag, Frito-Lay is introducing a quieter version.

The product of a year's research, the new bag dampens the crumpling noise to about 70 decibels, down from the deafening 85 decibels of the original — about as loud as a busy city street. The bag will be tested first with the company's plain chips before Frito decides whether to use it for other flavours or products. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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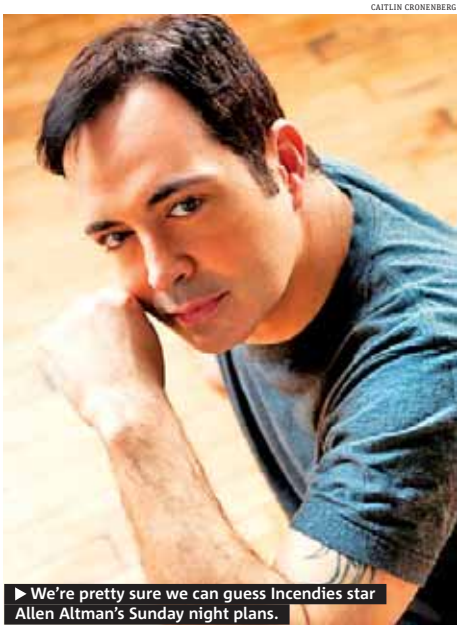

▶ We're pretty sure we can guess Incendies star Allen Altman's Sunday night plans.

5 MINUTES WITH: ALLEN ALTMAN

The star of Oscar-nominated Incendies takes us behind the scenes for a closer look at Canada's contender for best foreign language film.

First off, congratulations on the film's nomination.
It's pretty amazing. What an amazing blessing this whole journey has been. This film is incredible.
What has been the most meaningful part of this whole experience for you?
I think it's the whole evolution of people really getting the film in the same way I did the first time I read the script. I was so moved by the words and the message behind what I think Denis (Villeneuve) was trying to say. It's been such an interesting thing to see people in a kind of domino effect start to get it one after another. It's just time for people to get the message in this movie, which is about finding your humanity and letting go of your anger and being a grown-up about life. So that's been for me the most powerful part of it. And, of course, working with Denis, which in itself is a gift.
Did you know you were part of something this special when you were filming?
I remember saying to friends of mine, this is going to be one of those international movies, and I'm so pleased because we in Canada don't get the opportunity to work on projects of that calibre all the time. From the first moment I read the script, I knew it was going to be super special.
What's next for you? I imagine this film has opened a number of doors.
I think I'm going to head out to Vancouver for a couple of months and see what happens. Take it as it comes. No expectations. I'm just at this point very happy.
You're also something of a Renaissance man. Tell us about your "side career."
I've always liked to be creative and when I first got to Toronto I started flipping houses because I did renovations. So I decided to open up a design company and it's been doing very well for the past seven years. I manage that while I maintain my acting career.
Say you win the Oscar and get up on stage. If you could have your Adrien Brody moment, which star would you smooch?
(Laughs) Probably Annette Bening. She's the be-all and end-all for me. I think she's the essence of grace.

JORDANA DIVON

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

New light on early residents

Worth mentioning

Some 11,500 years ago, one of North America's earliest families laid the remains of a three-year-old child to rest in their home in what is now Alaska.

The discovery of that burial is shedding new light on the life and times of the early settlers who crossed to the New World from Asia, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

The bones represent the earliest human remains discovered in the Arctic, a "pretty significant find," said Ben A. Potter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

While ancient Alaskan residents were known to hunt large game, the newly discovered site shows they also foraged for fish, birds and small mammals, he explained.

"Here we know there were young children and females. So this is a whole piece of the settlement system that we had virtually no record of."

The site of the discovery, Upper Sun River, is in the forest of the Tanana lowlands in central Alaska, Potter and his colleagues report.

Potter said the find, which included evidence of what appeared to be a seasonal house and the cremated remains of the child, "is truly spectacular in all senses of the word."

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Training and qualification runs are slated to run for much of the day Friday. The finals are scheduled for Saturday, with slopestyle runs starting at 10:30 a.m. and the half-pipe competition following shortly after at 2 p.m.

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▶ Drive Angry features plenty of huge 3-D explosions that smack you in the face.

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Scene in brief

A spokeswoman says Elizabeth Taylor's doctors continue to be encouraged by her progress as she remains hospitalized in Los Angeles. Publicist Jamie Cadwell says the 78-year-old actress will stay in the hospital for now so doctors can continue to observe her. Taylor has been hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center since early this month. She is being treated for symptoms of congestive heart failure.

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At NY exhibit, Whoopi Goldberg says lack of black nominees at 2011 Oscars isn't industry trend

Reel Guys

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It's worth the Drive

- Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Drive Angry
- Cage begins to redeem himself in wild action movie, while Fichtner shines

Richard Crouse: Mark, Drive Angry has all the qualities of a great drive-in movie. There's muscle cars, gratuitous language and nudity, a vengeful Southern cult leader and the single wildest gun-fight/sex scene ever committed to celluloid. Roger Corman would have been proud. Were you? Did you like it?

Mark Breslin: Richard, this movie was complete and utter trash and I loved every minute of it. Usually I cringe at any supernatural subplots, but with William Fichtner as the underworld's "accountant", how could they go wrong? Did you love him as much as I did?

RC: Oh yes. Fichtner is wicked — see what I did there? — and I loved the way he and Cage use this deadpan delivery to say the craziest dialogue of any movie so far this year. Cage hasn't had a line as great as, "I never disrobe before a gunfight" since David Lynch was writing his lines.

MB: The dialogue was funny although the serious scenes with David Morse stopped the movie cold. But I thought Amber Heard brought a lot to a role that could have been a throwaway.

RC: The whole thing could have been a throwaway, but it isn't. Instead it's a throwback to the kind of movies that played at the bottom of the bill at the drive-in. It's so over-the-top, so in-your-face it seems like a recent graduate from the Russ Meyer School of Fine Arts, class of 2011. Even the 3-D is extreme. This isn't Avatar with its elegant stereoscopic effects. Here, as body parts and bullets were flying off the screen I couldn't help but think that the 3-D was as extreme as the movie. What did you think of the 3-D?

MB: I felt I had to scape those body parts off my sweater when the movie finished. Verrrrry realistic! And Cage was his wonderful squirrelly self again, redeeming his somnambulistic role in Season of the Witch. His performance here is in his pedal-to-the-metal, no-holds barred Bad Lieutenant/Vampire's Kiss tradition — the Nic Cage I love.

RC: Absolutely. He's a helluva lotta fun here. This is the Cage that I wish we saw more of — the wild-man-actor who seemingly has no boundaries. He's still not 100 per cent back in my good books — the memory of Season of the Witch is too fresh to be forgotten — but a few more like this and a few less like Bangkok Dangerous and he may yet earn his way back to my A-list.

Plot synopsis

In Drive Angry Nicolas Cage plays John Milton, a man who would literally go to hell and back to get revenge on the men who killed his daughter and kidnapped his granddaughter. He's a dead man who escaped the clutches of Satan to come to Earth to even the score. Trouble is, the devil wants him back.

Ratings:
Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
Mark: ⊕⊕⊕½

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Depp makes movies for the kids (just not his own)

Johnny Depp, star of Rango, may be your family's favourite actor. But his kids have different tastes. 'They're far more interested in Family Guy or Justin Bieber.'

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

If his recent career choices haven't made it clear — Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the Pirates of the Caribbean films, Alice in Wonderland — Johnny Depp is looking to entertain the kids. And his latest, the animated Rango about a chameleon who escapes his cage and fights crime in the Wild West, is no exception.

"Kids in general, as an audience, are the way forward because they're not sullied by intellectual expectation or this or that. It's a very pure kind of response to the work," Depp says.

"I trust kids far more than I do adults. Kids give you the honest opinion, you know. They tell the truth."

The revelation about younger audiences came, naturally, from his own experiences as a parent, Depp explains. "Before Pirates 1, I had a daughter. And for about four years, all I watched was like cartoons — just cartoons," he explains. "I realized at that point that the parameters were far away from what we do in sort of normal, everyday movies, and that you can get away with a lot more. Kids accept a lot more, and they buy it, you know, because they're free."

But while kids are a much more satisfying audience, Depp's own children — daughter Lily-Rose, 11, and son Jack, 9 — can also be the toughest critics. And perhaps as a result of having such a famous and chameleon-like father, Depp's kids aren't easily fazed by his work.

"The things that I've done that my kids have been sort of privy to — Willy Wonka and all — it doesn't register," he says. "They're far more interested in Family Guy or Justin Bieber."

While Depp easily concedes that being an actor means telling lies for a living, telling lies as a parent hasn't come nearly as naturally for him.

"I had horrific guilt for many years, playing along with the Santa Claus thing," he says. "You're never going to bring it up to them. They're going to arrive and say, 'Hey, you've been telling me a lie for my entire life. What are you prepared to do about that?'

"We're now kind of just on the outskirts of that, so I feel OK. But these are lies that society tells you you must keep going, these kind of myths. And I feel guilt about it. I still do."

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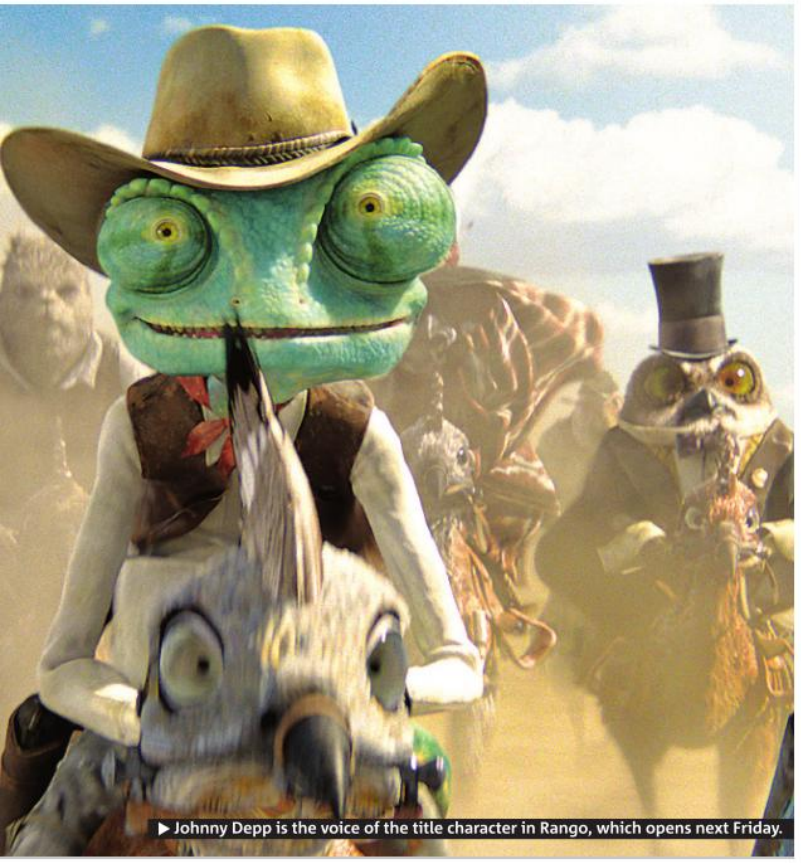

▶ Johnny Depp is the voice of the title character in Rango, which opens next Friday.

ACTRA honours King of Kensington star

Former King of Kensington star Fiona Reid wishes she'd been a bit older when the Canadian sitcom endeared audiences on both sides of the border in the '70s.

"If I hadn't been so young I would've appreciated it more for what it was," said Reid, 59, who will receive an Award of Excellence Friday from the Toronto chapter of the Canadian performers union, ACTRA.

"I've never quite got over the depth of that bonding with an audience that that show created, and for me that was the litmus test that said, 'Yes, Canadians want to see their own on screens.'

"What we have to fight now is just to make sure the economics and the watering down of CRTC regulations don't allow our culture to disappear."

King of Kensington starred Reid as Cathy, wife of convenience store owner Larry (the late Al Waxman), who was a mediator of sorts for residents in Toronto's multicultural Kensington Market district. Guest stars included John Candy, Eugene Levy and Mike Myers.

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▶ Fiona Reid will received the Award of Excellence from ACTRA, the Canadian performers union.

Launched in 1975 on CBC, the show ran for five seasons, was syndicated in the U.S. and drew comparisons to Norman Lear sitcoms of the decade, including All in the Family and Maude.

Born in England, Reid lived in several countries before settling in Canada (her dad was a doctor in the British Army). She studied acting at McGill University and at the Banff Centre for the Arts and became fluent in French.

Her first professional acting job was a school tour with the Globe Theatre in Saskatchewan "in a little orange bus that leaked oil," she recalls. As they rolled through the Saskatchewan Prairie and watched the light bounce off the landscape, Reid thought, This is my country and these are my people.

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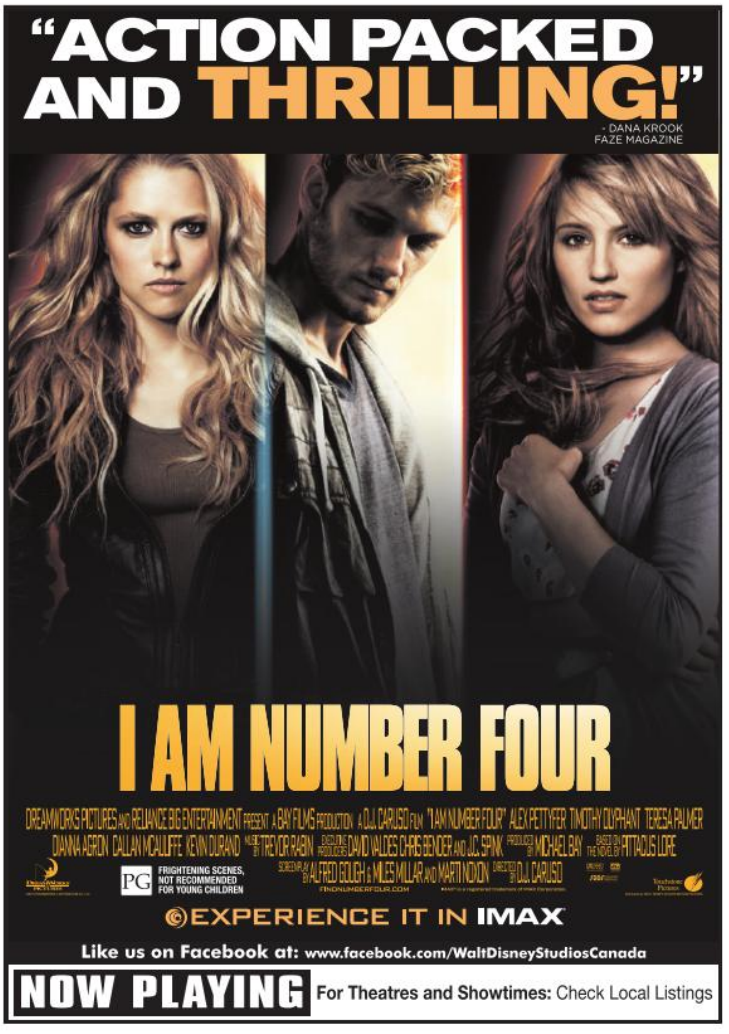
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Remove the "H" and the "P" from Hall Pass and you'll get the idea. Broad, lewd and crude, the latest Farrelly brothers' naughty fest sometimes rises to the occasion, but considering the multi-dimensional, ironic, crazed comedy of the School of Apatow, not often enough.

A couple of family men are given a week off from marriage, and all that entails. The Farrellys (Dumb & Dumber, There's Something about Mary) soft pedal it in this new domestic milieu, seriously diluting the brand. Punches are pulled, chances aren't taken and even a constant parade of nude fools fails to delight.

ANNE BRODIE

Father-son film has charm to it

Alamar
Genre: Drama
Director: Pedro Gonzalez-Rubio
Stars: Jorge Machado, Natan Machado Palombini and Nestór Marín
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For all its ambiguity, Alamar makes for a pretty charming movie. Part documentary/part fiction, this simple observation focuses on the bonding of a father and son during a brief Caribbean fishing trip before the youngster moves to Italy with his mom. It's a quiet film and while the tone is muted (unless you're thrilled by a bug-eating egret), as a poetic piece on paternal love, it bleeds charisma.

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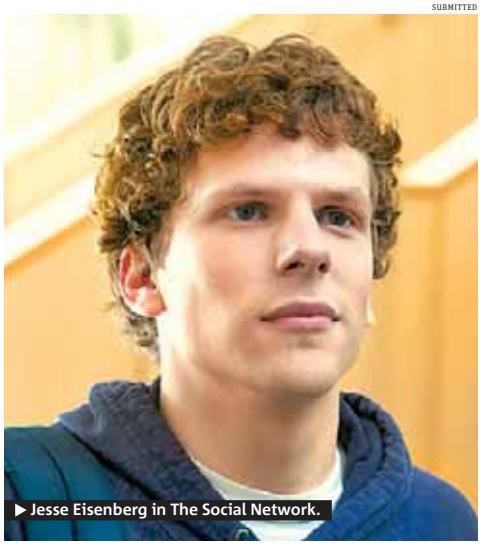

▶ Jesse Eisenberg in The Social Network.

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▶ Colin Firth in The King's Speech.

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New versus old

Oscars hash it out between tradition and freshness at this year's awards show ◐ King's Speech faces off against Social Network for best picture

Old against young, establishment against upstart, familiar faces against fresh ones. Hollywood has laid out a battle of the ages at Sunday's Academy Awards.

Among the 10 best-picture nominees, the show really comes down to just two: The King's Speech, a costume drama that oozes Oscar tradition with its British accents, aristocratic pageantry and triumph over disability, and The Social Network, the Facebook chronicle that's all about today's crude, rude world of getting yours at the expense of others, whether online or in real life.

The theme of past and present, traditional and topical, runs all through the Oscars. For best actress, the front-runner is 29-year-old Natalie Portman in Black Swan, with 52-year-old Annette Bening — a three-time loser at the Oscars — as sentimental favourite for The Kids Are All Right.

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For supporting actress, 50-year-old Melissa Leo, whose career caught fire in middle age, is favoured for The Fighter, with 14-year-old newcomer Hailee Steinfeld a potential underdog winner for her film debut in True Grit.

For best director, the favourites are Hollywood veteran David Fincher for The Social Network and British filmmaker Tom Hooper — a relative big-screen novice known mainly for television work — for The King's Speech.

"I think there's a little bit of the old, a little bit of the new."
ACTOR JAMES FRANCO, WHO IS CO-HOSTING THE OSCARS WITH ACTRESS ANNE HATHAWAY

Long before nominations came out, the show's organizers settled on a duo of youthful hosts — Anne Hathaway and James Franco — and promised a brisk, breezy ceremony that would be fun and funny while paying respect to Hollywood's rich past.

"A lot of the show will definitely be about bringing in a fresh crop of movie viewers," said Franco, also a first-time nominee for best actor for 127 Hours. "But also, one of the backbones or arcs of the show is to appreciate the history of film. So Anne and I, as hosts, are to kind of bridge the gap between the older generation and the newer, younger generation."

The mix of youth and experience, familiarity and novelty permeates the key categories. Past Oscar winners Nicole Kidman (Rabbit Hole), Javier Bardem (Biutiful), Jeff Bridges (True Grit) and Geoffrey Rush (The King's Speech) are nominated alongside such relative unknowns as first-timer Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network), longtime Australian performer Jacki Weaver (Animal Kingdom) and 20-year-old Jennifer Lawrence and veteran character actor John Hawkes, both in the running for Winter's Bone.

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Hathaway juggles Oscar prep with Catwoman training

These days, Anne Hathaway is a busy woman. Or make that a busy Catwoman.

The 28-year-old actress is training for the physical demands of her lead role in Catwoman (and its sleek, physique-revealing catsuit) as she flexes her comedy muscles alongside James Franco as co-hosts of Sunday's Academy Awards.

"There's a lot going on, but it's all really super-duper positive," Hathaway said Wednesday. "I feel like I have a big fight coming up and everyone's giving me the thumbs-up and the 'you'll-rock-it' fist pump. I have unbelievable support."

The Oscar team is helping Hathaway and Franco find their funniest material, she said, and the producers "are making it as easy as possible on me."

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▶ Anne Hathaway

Hathaway's biggest challenge this week? Navigating Los Angeles' famous freeways and making it to all her appointments on time. But the New York City resident has that one covered: "Luckily my assistant is a really good driver!"

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10 most bizarre Oscar moments

The Academy Awards are, for the most part, an elegant and tightly controlled affair.

But wacky things can and do happen sometimes — and those are the moments viewers remember the most.

Since the Oscars are on Sunday and since there are now 10 best picture nominees, we've decided to double the weekly Five Most list with a look at the 10 most bizarre moments in the show's history.

So here they are, in no particular order — because really, it's an honour just to be nominated.

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The streaker (1974)
Just as host David Niven was about to introduce Elizabeth Taylor, a naked man came running across the stage behind him, flashing a peace sign. Niven, being the epitome of British class and cool, didn't miss a beat. He deadpanned: "Isn't it fascinating to think that probably the only laugh that man will ever get in his life is by stripping off and showing his shortcomings?"

Marlon Brando sends Sacheen Littlefeather on stage (1973)
Brando won best actor for his iconic portrayal of Don Corleone in The Godfather. But he refused to accept the award, and instead sent a woman who said she was an Apache named Sacheen Littlefeather to speak on his behalf. Brando was protesting what he believed to be stereotypical treatment of Native Americans in the film industry.

Rob Lowe's duet with Snow White (1989)
Allan Carr injected an element of camp when he took over as producer of the Academy Awards. But his Oscar ceremony is considered one of the biggest flops in the show's history. It included a 20-minute opening dance number with a Snow White-lookalike singing Proud Mary with Lowe, who was then at the height of his hotness.

Bjork's swan dress (2001)
Bjork dazzled and bedeviled everyone when she showed up at the planet's most-watched red carpet in a white, fluffy gown with a swan's head draped around her neck. (The Icelandic singer and actress was nominated for best original song for I've Seen It All from Lars von Trier's Dancer in the Dark.) It is arguably the most famous outfit ever worn to the Oscars.

Jack Palance's one-armed push-ups (1992)
Palance had been nominated for an Oscar twice, for best supporting actor in 1952's Sudden Fear and 1953's Shane. Four decades later, when he finally won the award for City Slickers, he proved he was just as virile as ever at 72. In the middle of a raunchy acceptance speech, he dropped to the stage and did a series of one-armed push-ups.

Robert Benigni's seat climbing (1999)
The Italian actor and director couldn't just walk up on stage and give humble, teary-eyed thanks when his Life Is Beautiful won the Oscar for best foreign-language film. Instead, he leaped from one seat back to another, whipping the audience into a frenzy, before hopping up the steps and giving presenter Sophia Loren a long, tight bear hug.

Ordinary People beats Raging Bull (1981)
Not so much a wacky moment but a befuddling one. How could the Academy get this one so wrong? In retrospect, Martin Scorsese's Raging Bull emerges as a small masterpiece, intimately powerful in black and white. Ordinary People, Robert Redford's directing debut, feels like a respectable and well-made if austere family drama.

Dances With Wolves beats Goodfellas (1991)
Ten years later, the Academy gets it wrong again, with Scorsese on the losing end for the second time. Sure, Kevin Costner's Dances With Wolves is a sweeping epic, impressive in its enormity, but looking back it feels condescending and a little corny. Goodfellas, meanwhile, is an example of Scorsese's virtuoso filmmaking at its finest.

You like Sally Field (1985)
Places in the Heart earned Field her second best-actress Oscar — the first came for 1979's Norma Rae — but this one meant more to her, she said in her acceptance speech. This time, she said she finally felt the respect of her peers: "I can't deny the fact that you like me. Right now, you like me!" It's a line that would be endlessly parodied — and misquoted.

South Park guys show up in drag (2000)
Trey Parker and Matt Stone arrived to support South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut, which earned them an original-song nomination for the jaunty Blame Canada. Stone donned a replica of the pink gown Gwyneth Paltrow wore a year earlier, while Parker wore a knock-off of Jennifer Lopez's plunging green Versace number.

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My first time at the Oscars

Four actors reflect on their first time at the big show

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Nicole Kidman

Before she was nominated for Moulin Rouge and won for The Hours, Nicole Kidman attended the Oscars with then-husband Tom Cruise.

"He was nominated. And I remember I got to wear this really short little Valentino velvet dress and I was just absolutely stunned. It was like the biggest thing I had ever seen. I couldn't believe how loud the photographers were."

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Ryan Gosling

Ryan Gosling went to the show as a nominee in 2007, but his night was overshadowed by his date's 'do.

"I went there with Half Nelson and I went with my mother. And the whole night was dominated by the fact that she got this hairstyle that she was regretting. So that was all we talked about the whole night. This lady convinced her that everyone was going to be wearing beehives, and that was the new thing that year. Of course we got there – nobody. Everybody had their hair down."

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Marisa Tomei

Marisa Tomei had a guardian looking over her shoulder when she was nominated, and won, best supporting actress for My Cousin Vinny.

"I remember (actress) Mary McDonnell was sitting behind me, and she was so sweet and she just kept tapping my shoulder and being like, 'How are you doing, honey?' ... I was scared and she was very motherly towards me and it was a nice little crowd that I was sitting with."

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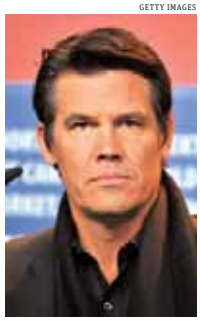

Josh Brolin

Josh Brolin, who was nominated in 2008 for his supporting role in Milk, first came to the Oscars with wife Diane Lane when she was nominated for her lead performance in Unfaithful.

"There was a massive possibility that she was going to be up there soon accepting an award. But then you learn after a while that it is more about the get-together and the appreciation of your peers nominating you and saying, 'We really liked your performance.'"

Oscars in a dangerous time

DAY 6

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It's Oscar weekend, Canada. If you're one of the dozens of friends I've invited over for Sunday's show, I sure hope you love processed cheese.

Entire books and documentary films have been made on the subject of Oscar's Best Moments. But if you've ever watched the broadcast, you'll know the old saying applies: Oscar has some great moments and some murderous half hours. And I'm finding it harder to find those moments.

I keep tuning in to the Academy Awards expecting to be transported to Planet Glamour. But it's never emotionally satisfying.

Why is it that in Hollywood they can make Inception in IMAX but they can't craft a short speech? Why did they give Mel Gibson an Oscar for Braveheart? And why doesn't everyone look like Tilda Swinton?

Wouldn't it be great if this year's Oscar for Best Picture went to the zombie flick? I'm talking about Black Swan. How would you describe Natalie Portman's character other than zombie-like?

She's brutal, single-minded, she mutilates bodies, she morphs on-screen from a human being to a grotesque monster. She even feasts on human blood when she bites the tongue of Vincent Cassell.

Anyway, here's a fun game to play while making your Oscar nachos. Just name a country that is presently having or about to have a democratic uprising. It goes like this: Egypt. Libya. Bahrain. Ummmm. Algeria? Tunisia! Oh, geez... Pass.

Pass? What about Iran, Zimbabwe, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia? What about China?

Remember last winter when there was a global fear of the H1N1 pandemic? This year the virus is freedom.

It's moving so quickly everyone's trying to blame it on computers. Tunisia and Egypt were both said to have been sparked by Facebook or Twitter. But it's not true.

In fact there's a handbook for revolutionary non-violent action. It wouldn't work in Hollywood because non-violent is a non-starter. But it seems to be doing big box office everywhere else.

Want to meet the man who wrote it? I did.

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Never bet on the Western

- True Grit rides tall with 10 Oscar nominations, including best picture
- But Western films historically have a poor aim on wins

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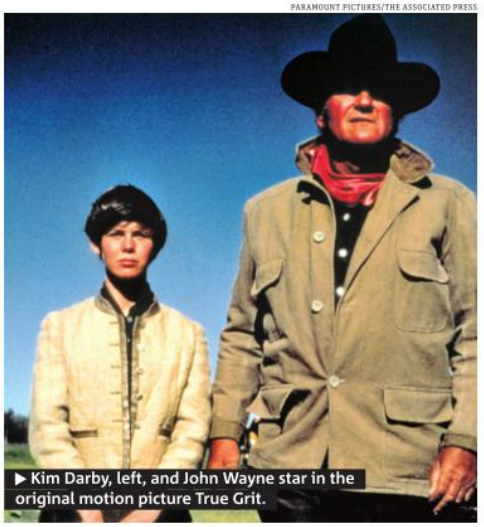

▶ Kim Darby, left, and John Wayne star in the original motion picture True Grit.

True Grit is a rarity for modern Hollywood, a hit Western. With 10 nominations, including best picture, it's also a rarity at the Academy Awards, where only a few cowboy tales have had much success.

While the 1930s, '40s and '50s were the glory years of Westerns, two of the genre's three best-picture winners actually are from modern times: Kevin Costner's 1990 Indian epic Dances With Wolves and Clint Eastwood's 1992 gunman-for-hire tale Unforgiven.

The other Western to lasso Hollywood's biggest prize was Cimarron, a sprawling saga of the Oklahoma land boom that was the best-picture winner for 1932-33.

Joel and Ethan Coen's 2007 best-picture triumph No Country for Old Men has a lot of trappings of an old-style Western, but it's a contemporary crime story told with modern cowboys, lawmen and outlaws.

The Coens also directed True Grit, based on the same novel that inspired the 1969 big-screen adaptation that won John Wayne a best-actor Oscar as one-eyed U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn.

Wayne's version earned only one other Oscar nomination, for its theme song.

True Grit is considered a longshot in most of its Oscar categories, a familiar position for Westerns on Hollywood's big night.

Only a handful of Westerns have ever been nominated for best picture, most of them losers, including 1928's In Old Arizona, 1939's Stagecoach, 1943's The Ox-Bow Incident, 1952's High Noon and 1969's Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Some of Hollywood's most-acclaimed Westerns, such as My Darling Clementine, The Searchers, The Magnificent Seven and The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, were virtually overlooked at the Oscars (the former two had no nominations and the latter two received only one each).

Along with Wayne, performers have scored some wins in Westerns, among them best-actor recipients Gary Cooper for High Noon and Lee Marvin for 1965's Cat Ballou and supporting actors Thomas Mitchell for Stagecoach, Walter Brennan for 1940's The Westerner and Gene Hackman for Unforgiven.

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▶ Jeff Bridges, left, and Hailee Steinfeld star in the most recent True Grit.

And the Razzie goes to...

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The night before the Oscars, the more sarcastic members of the Hollywood community will be gathering to celebrate the Razzies, honouring the worst of the worst from the past year. Leading the pack: Twilight: Eclipse and The Last Airbender. The simple ceremony is a great opportunity for stars to show they have a sense of humour about their missteps, as Sandra Bullock did last year when she showed up to accept her Worst Actress prize for All About Steve.

This year's nominees, though, don't seem as likely to make an appearance — especially since the four leads of Sex and the City 2 were lumped into a single nomination It would be great to see Jennifer Aniston in attendance if her role in The Bounty Hunter wins, since the former Friend has been a good sport lately about mocking her public image. And we already love one new category: Worst Eye-Gouging Mis-Use of 3-D.

That same night, across town, the indie film community will be celebrating the 2011 Film Independent Spirit Awards, where Oscar nominees Black Swan, 127 Hours, The Kids Are All Right and Winter's Bone are also up for Best Feature. Winter's Bone should clean up here.

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Award answers

Metro Life Panel members weighed in, along with two movie mavericks, on the biggest Oscar night buzz

REEL GUYS

MARK BRESLIN

RICHARD CROUSE

Should Toy Story 3 have been nominated in both Best Animated and Best Picture categories?
Yes 48.14% No 51.86%

RC: I think Toy Story 3 is a great film, but I don't agree with the multiple nominations. If an animated film can be nominated in two categories then I think Exit Through the Gift Shop, a documentary that was easily one of the best all-round pictures of the year, should have been nominated in both Best Doc and Best Picture categories.
MB: I think Toy Story 3 should be happy with its inevitable win in the Animation category. I'm not sure that placing animation and docs in best picture categories isn't comparing apples and oranges anyways.

Do you think Jeff Bridges will beat Colin Firth for Best Actor for the second year in a row? Yes 20.34%, No 79.66%

RC: Jeff Bridges doesn't stand a chance this year. He's good in True Grit, but it sounds like he took diction lessons from Keith Richards and the character doesn't have the same emotional resonance as Colin Firth's does in The King's Speech.
MB: I thought Colin Firth should have won it last year over Bridges. He'll get it this year, though, and it isn't even Bridges that's his main competition. It's Jesse Eisenberg, maybe even Franco.

Portman or Bening for Best actress?
Portman 74.58% Bening 25.42%

RC: A month ago I would have said Natalie Portman hands down, but now I'm not sure. Black Swan represents a career high for her and she is very good in it, but I wonder if her subsequent career choices may Norbit her chances at a win. Following up a tour-de-force performance with a bad rom com and a few announced raunchy comedies may not endear her to the Academy voters. On top of that Anette Bening has been nominated four times, is Hollywood royalty and deserves it as well. This is a tight race.

MB: This is a tight race, indeed. But I think Portman's going to take it, although it won't be the runaway victory that our readers believe. I preferred Bening's understated, natural performance, although I certainly saw the work that Portman put in. But Bening did an entire film without much makeup, and I think that's a courageous acting choice.

Do John Hawkes, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo or Geoffrey Rush have any chance of beating Christian Bale as Best Supporting Actor? Yes 51.53% No 48.47

RC: In short, no. They should all save the price of a tuxedo rental and stay home. They don't have a chance.
MB: That's right, they don't have a chance. But I suspect Ruffalo and Rush actually own their tuxes. Renner and Hawkes probably don't have a blazer between them.

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Was Christopher Nolan robbed of a Best Director nomination? Yes 48.47%, No 51.53%

RC: I don't think so. Danny Boyle was robbed. 127 Hours has been nominated for Best Actor and Best Picture but not Best Director. Does the Academy think the movie directed itself?

MB: I do think Nolan was robbed, because Inception is really a "director's" film. It sure ain't about the acting. As far as Danny Boyle goes, I didn't think 127 Hours deserved any of the other nominations. The flick left me cold and I thought Buried was a more audacious take on a similar theme.

Who will outshine the other as Oscar host: James Franco or Anne Hathaway? Franco 44.07%, Hathaway 55.93%

RC: I think Anne Hathaway will bring the charm and James Franco will bring the crazy. He's a wild card who has already said that if this turns out to be the worst Oscars ever, who cares? I think he'll be edgy and unpredictable in a way that will make Ricky Gervais envious.

MB: Yes, Richard, I agree with you. But Franco won't pull a Gervais. He's not a comedian, and will deliver the lines the way Bruce Vilanch writes them. But I do see some physical comedy and silliness in their Oscar hosting.

Are there too many movies nominated for Best Picture? Did you prefer the old system with five noms or do you think the expanded list of 10 is a better idea?
Old System with 5 Noms 61.02%, New System with Expanded List 38.98%

RC: I like the expanded field of nominations and I'm sure the producers of Winter's Bone agree with me. That's a movie that would have been ignored in the old five-nom system but deserves to be seen and get some attention.

MB: The new system is more democratic and more open to unusual films, but really, who's talking about Winter's Bone? It always boils down to the front-runners no matter how many films are nominated.

Does Inception have a chance to take Best Picture?
Yes 44.41% No 55.59%

RC: Despite the acclaim and huge box office, I don't think Inception has much of a shot. It came out too early in the year, it's a genre picture that a lot of the Academy members probably didn't really understand and, frankly, it's not The Social Network or Black Swan. Good movie, interesting movie, but not the best picture of the year. Maybe the best picture of July when it was released, but not of the subsequent months.

MB: Inception was the most original and creative movie of the year, but that doesn't make it the best. I found myself giving up on the movie at the two-thirds mark. It deserved its nomination, it made a pile of cash, but that's about it.

Will Canada take home the gold for Incendies (Best Foreign film) and Barney's Version (Best Makeup)? Gold for Incendies 26.10%, Gold for Barney's Version 24.41%, Both 23.05%, None 26.44%

RC: My fingers are crossed for both. The Best Foreign Film line-up is very strong this year, but Incendies is a very strong film.
All the nominations this year are downbeat, depressing affairs so I don't think the subject matter will hurt it any. As for the makeup award... I have a feeling it will go to The Wolfman. The movie disappointed but the makeup effects were great.

MB: The Best Foreign film is always a wild card and often revolves around how many voters have seen which films. I think Biutiful will take it, based on distribution. As far as Barney goes, I'm afraid Wolfman will win. I don't know if it had the best makeup, but it had the most makeup.

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Villeneuve has Oscar speech ready, just in case

Denis Villeneuve's acceptance speech is ready — just in case his Incendies wins the best foreign-language film at Sunday's Oscars.

But the renowned Quebec director says his being prepared to accept the award has nothing to do with cockiness.

"I don't have the choice," he said. "I'm used to improvising, but in this case I know I will be too nervous and I'd be scared about forgetting people.

"I prefer to prepare and not win, than win and not be ready. I'm exaggerating, but I can't improvise."

Incendies, which follows twins as they travel from Montreal to the Middle East to uncover their mother's war-ravaged past, is one of five films up for the prize.

The other contenders are Biutiful of Mexico, Dogtooth of Greece, In a Better World of Denmark and Outside the Law of Algeria.

Asked how he was feeling, Villeneuve replied: "I'm trying to be as Zen as possible."

Villeneuve admitted there is a fierce competitive streak that courses through his veins. "I am not proud of it — it's arrogant and adolescent-like — but I am very competitive," he said.

"But if I lose Sunday night, I won't be destroyed, and I will be happy for the winner. I am competitive, but I'm able to recognize the talent of others."

Incendies was named best Canadian film by Toronto and Vancouver film critics and has collected several awards on the festival circuit. Villeneuve's previous films include Polytechnique, Maelstrom and his 1998 feature-length debut Un 32 aout sur terre (32nd Day of August on Earth). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dragon director off to Oscars

Canadian DeBlois co-wrote, co-directed Viking coming-of-age tale

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▶ How To Train Your Dragon directors and screenwriters Dean DeBlois (left) and Chris Saunders.

For animated filmmaker Dean DeBlois, the long road to Oscar glory involved the realization early on that he wasn't all that great at drawing.

As a kid growing up in Aylmer, Que., the comic book fan dreamed of landing a job at Marvel or DC. The idea of moving to Hollywood to write and direct big-budget animated films, and possibly even being nominated for an Oscar — as he is now for his 3-D hit How To Train Your Dragon — was non-existent.

"It didn't enter my mind, to be honest," DeBlois says in a recent interview from his Dreamworks office in Glendale, Calif., where he's writing a second draft of the Dragon sequel.

"Hollywood just didn't seem like a reality in even my most romanticized thoughts."

DeBlois' first jobs included an animation gig for an Ottawa studio, which helped put him through Sheridan College's animation program in Oakville, Ont., but also marked the beginning of the end of his drawing career.

"I quickly saw that the other animators around me were far better than I was," admits DeBlois, who co-wrote and co-directed How To Train Your Dragon, 2002's Lilo & Stitch and was co-head writer on 1998's Mulan.

DeBlois landed at Dreamworks as a storyboard artist, and worked his way into writing and directing. These days, he says he's continually surprised by how well-received his coming-of-age Viking tale has been.

How To Train Your Dragon is loosely based on the Cressida Cowell book series about a gangly teen who befriends an injured dragon, with Montreal's Jay Baruchel providing the voice for the awkward hero, Hiccup.

Come Oscar night, Dragon will face off against the Pixar juggernaut Toy Story 3 and the quiet French film The Illusionist for the title of best animated film.

In speculating on his chances, DeBlois describes the blockbuster Toy Story 3 as a "daunting" rival while noting that his sweeping adventure saga marks a tonal departure from previous Dreamworks fare such as the Shrek series and Megamind.

"It's not joke-a-minute and it's not based on anything that's too contemporary, too pop culture," he says. "I think people see Dragon as a welcome change of direction, or at least a branching out at Dreamworks and some people want to reward that."

DeBlois says he already feels like he's won a prize by getting the green light to write and direct the next Dragon instalment, and possibly a third.

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What was your favourite movie of 2010?

MARK WAHLBERG

Star and producer of Best Picture nominee The Fighter

"Tangled. I love it. I saw it with my daughter and it's a father-and-daughter story basically."

TODD LIEBERMAN

Producer of Best Picture nominee The Fighter

"Other than my own, I loved Inception. Chris Nolan is a phenomenal filmmaker and the mind that he has is well beyond any mental capacity that I have. And it was so brilliantly done. I also love Toy Story 3 as well. It's funny. It's heartfelt."

AARON SORKIN

Nominated screen-writer of The Social Network

"I'm an absolute nut for The King's Speech. I would have given anything if I had written it, but I wouldn't have written it as well as David Seidler."

LEONARD MALTIN

Film critic

"The King's Speech is such a buoyant, witty wonderful film. The script is so good — the performances are so juicy and rich. It's such a pleasure. You sit there smiling watching the film unfold. The Social Network is another one of my top choices. It's so literate, so incisive, so relevant."

ARMIE HAMMER

Best Picture nominee The Social Network

"I liked True Grit, but mostly because I love westerns."

SEBASTIAN JUNGER

Co-director of Best Documentary nominee Restrepo

"I thought that Get Low was tremendous. Robert Duvall is such an amazing actor. It's a beautiful movie. And 127 Hours was pretty amazing. The acting was great. The cinematography was amazing. Animal Kingdom is an amazing movie, too."

DAVID O. RUSSELL

Best Director nominee for The Fighter

"I loved The Kids Are All Right. I watched it a bunch of times. I kind of felt the story. I have a 16-year-old who pushed me away. So to me, that is what the story is about, if you're gay or straight."

JACKI WEAVER

Best Supporting Actress nominee, Animal Kingdom

"I loved Toy Story 3. I think it's a beautiful piece of filmmaking. It's a wonderful story and very touching, poignant and witty. It's got it all. And everything Annette Bening does is fabulous, like The Kids are All Right. I think she's an amazingly good actress and she knows about character."

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Inadvertent inspiration

Adele's ex has his fingerprints all over her sophomore disc The album, named 21, was released this week

Adele may not be aware of it, but he's joined an illustrious club of people who were inadvertent inspirations for art.

Eminem's Kim, the comedian who dumped Alanis Morissette and heard about it on You Oughta Know, the mystery man behind Carly Simon's You're So Vain, Patti Boyd Harrison (Eric Clapton's tortured Layla) and an assortment of Taylor Swift exes — they're all members.

The fingerprints of Adele's former flame are all over her sophomore disc, 21, from Rolling in the Deep, the soulful kiss-off that opens the disc, to the more reflective Someone Like You that ends it.

The disc was released in the U.S. and Canada this week.

Thing is, he may not even know his status.

"I have no idea if he's heard the record, or is kind of clever enough to link it, to think it's him," said Adele, who discreetly keeps his name private.

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Adele won best new artist at the 2009 Grammys.

"I'm not saying he's dim. It's just that toward the end I don't think he felt like I loved him enough to write a record about him.

"But I did," she said.

Given how second albums are often problematic for artists, it helps to have something to write about. The London-born Adele Laurie Blue Adkins, who goes by her first name professionally, won best female pop vocal and best new artist at the 2009 Grammys and sold more than two million copies worldwide of 19. The 2008 debut was named for her age when she wrote the album's songs. Same thing for its follow-up.

She was discovered by her British record company after a friend posted some of her songs online. She wanted to sing, but was reluctant to dream too big, and thought XL Recordings wanted to hire her as a talent scout when instead their executives were seduced by her powerful pipes.

"I find it hard to say, 'Oh, I'm a singer,' because my singers are Etta James and Carole King and Roberta Flack, the all-time gurus, the gods of singing," she said.

Ryan Tedder, who co-wrote two songs on Adele's new disc, is a believer. He's still flabbergasted by watching her nail one of those songs, Turning Tables, on the first take in the studio. Rumour Has It took two takes.

Tedder, who has written or produced songs for Beyoncé, Kelly Clarkson and Leona Lewis, said Adele is "the single greatest female singer alive, period.

"I've worked with a lot of people," he said. "I've never, ever, ever seen or witnessed a singer do what she does in the recording studio."

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Adele unplugged

- VH1 taped an Unplugged episode with Adele, accompanied by just a guitar and piano, which will premiere on the network March 4. VH1 will show it online a day earlier.

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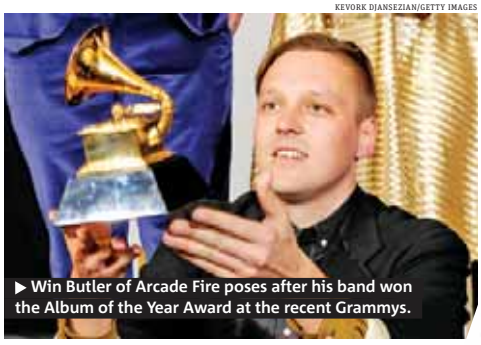

Win Butler of Arcade Fire poses after his band won the Album of the Year Award at the recent Grammys.

We deserved Grammy win: Arcade manager

Arcade Fire's manager has shot back against those criticizing the band's Grammys victory, saying the Montreal rockers deserved to win the award for album of the year.

In an email published on Bob Lefsetz's blog, Scott Rodger responded to attacks made by music industry veteran Steve Stoute in a full-page ad in the New York Times over the weekend.

Stoute had argued that the Feb. 13 Grammys telecast — which ended with Arcade Fire's third album, The Suburbs, claiming the show's top prize — was a "series of hypocrisies and contradictions." He added that the show had "lost touch with contemporary popular culture."

"Arcade Fire deserved the win this year. They made the best album," Rodger wrote in response, calling Stoute's letter a "nice piece of self-publicity."

"Arcade Fire are now one of the biggest live acts in the world," he added later. "It's not all about record sales."

Rodger also explained why Arcade Fire's record deserved to beat out each of its four competitors, albums by Eminem, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga and country crossover stars Lady Antebellum, who claimed a leading five trophies at the show.

"Eminem made a big selling album but it was far from being his best work. Katy Perry made a big pop record that simply didn't have weight or credibility. Gaga's repackage, great album but it was a repackage of the main release. I think everyone felt it was going to be Lady Antebellum's moment having won five out of six awards to that point. We all felt that way too."

Stoute — best-known for managing the rapper Nas — also ripped the show for overlooking 16-year-old Canuck pop star Justin Bieber, who performed during the Feb. 13 ceremony but was shut out in his two nominated categories.

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THE COMING ROCK RENAISSANCE?

During a lecture to broadcasting students at Fanshawe College in London last Friday, a question was floated about the dire state of rock music: "Music is so awful now. Why do we have to live in Justin Bieber's world?" My answer to that was simple: "This, too, shall pass."

I've been involved in music long enough to remember all the times when teen dreams dominated mainstream consciousness and rock was declared dead.

It felt hopeless when the Bay City Rollers were selling millions in the 70s. There was much despair during the New Kids on the Block/Debbie Gibson/Tiffany crisis of the late 80s. Rockers felt helpless during the Spice Girls/Britney/Backstreet/'N Sync apocalypse of the late 90s. And now, panic has set in over Bieber and Gaga.

There were other scares, too. The Beatles were refused a contract by Decca in 1962, saying that "guitar groups are on their way out." The disco plague hit in 1976.

It was followed by the early 80s synthesizer revolution, which filled the air with predictions of the death of guitar-based rock. The rise of the DJ and dance culture struck twice, first in the late 80s and then in the late 90s. "Rock will be killed by armies of turntables! And if they don't finish the job, the rise of hip-hop will!"

But a funny thing has happened every single time: rock rebounded to resume its spot as the preeminent form of popular culture.

I've written much on the theory of the Rock-Pop Cycle, a 12 to 13-year period in which they battle each other for mainstream supremacy. It's a complicated dance, rooted in demographics, economics and whether there's a Republican or a Democrat in the White House or if there's a Liberal or Conservative living at 10 Downing Street. You can trace this cycle all the way back to the birth of rock 'n' roll in the early 1950s.

And the next rock renaissance has already begun. Radiohead's new album is out. Liam Gallagher's Beady Eye will appear Tuesday.

Green Day, the Foo Fighters, the Chili Peppers, U2 and Coldplay will have new albums in the coming months.

At no time since the summer of 2005 will so many major rock artists have albums in the marketplace. And with major albums come major tours and major media attention.

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An actor and a student

Forest Whitaker brings his skills to CBS' Suspect Behavior

Forest Whitaker is one terrific actor. From his start two decades ago in Fast Times at Ridgemont High, he has logged powerful performances in such films as Platoon, Bird, The Crying Game and Ghost Dog: Way of the Samurai, and in a season-long arc of the acclaimed TV drama The Shield.

For his portrayal of mad Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in 2006's The Last King of Scotland, he won an Oscar for best actor.

But don't think of Whitaker as only an actor. Think of him as a student — he does.

"Constantly, constantly," he says in his disarming, feathery voice.

"I like to continue to explore."

Now for Whitaker the exploration is continuing on, of all things, a spinoff of the six-year-old CBS procedural Criminal Minds.

In Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior (which premiered to a hit-size audience this month and airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. MT, right after its progenitor), Whitaker plays Special Agent Sam Cooper, who heads up an elite team of agents within the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit, charged with capturing the nation's most nefarious criminals (or at least some of the bad guys the other show doesn't nab).

The new CBS series follows a tried-and-true storytelling formula. But Whitaker, who says he signed on early in the development process and helped shape his role, sees Suspect Behavior as a character study as much as a procedural.

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▶ Forest Whitaker, 49, is a man who likes to "continue to explore."

"My character is trying to uncover light," Whitaker says over diet colas in Manhattan last week. "He feels every person has inside of him a light, and he's stripping away all the things that cover it in shadows so he can get to the source. And from that discovery he hopefully can find a common ground."

That's a lot to expect for anybody — bonding one week with a lowlife who abducts little girls, another week with a psycho who gouges out the eyes of her victim. But as Sam Cooper says to a colleague on the show, "You have to know them. Can't be afraid."

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Bio

- Born in Longview, Texas, Forest Whitaker grew up in Los Angeles, where his success in high school football landed him an athletic scholarship at Cal State Fullerton.
- Then he transferred to the University of Southern California to study voice on a music scholarship. Then he made the shift to drama.
- But along with what he learned in drama classes, he applied knowledge gleaned from martial arts and Eastern philosophy, which he began studying as a youngster.
- He cites this lesson be borrowed from the dojo: "You should understand that everything doesn't go in a straight line, that some things go down and up and move around in order to get to a target.
- "Of any principle in acting," says Whitaker, "I think of that more than anything else."

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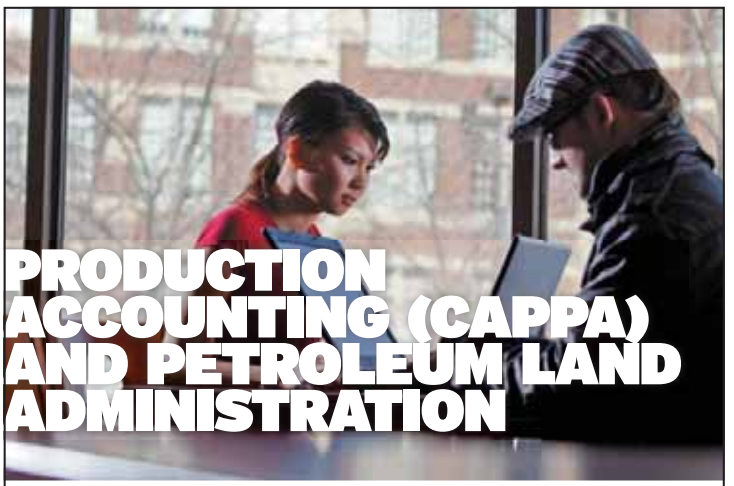

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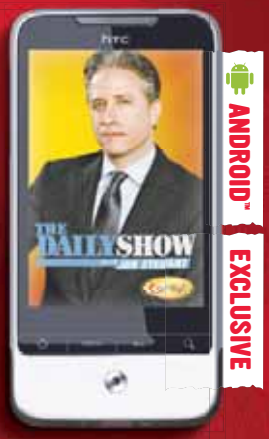

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Lohan fears being returned to prison

Judge implying nothing will keep the star out of jail for her latest offence

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Lindsay Lohan has put off her legal troubles for another two weeks, but friends say she's terrified that going back to jail is inevitable.

"I'm not sure if she can survive this," a source tells Popeater. "She is so terrified and frightened that we all fear her addictions will kick in again to help her numb the fear."

During Lohan's court appearance this week, she and her lawyer declined a plea deal that would've involved eight months in jail. But the judge in the case seemed to imply Lohan couldn't avoid jail

"I don't care that you're Lindsay Lohan vs. Jane Doe," Judge Keith L. Schwartz told her. "This case does involve jail time. Period. If you plead in front of me, you are going to jail." METRO

"She is so terrified and frightened that we all fear her addictions will kick in again to help her numb the fear"
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▶ Lindsay Lohan could find herself back in jail very soon.

Talking points

David opens up about his alcoholism

FAMILY. Since sobering up after his separation from Courteney Cox, David Arquette is coming clean about how early drinking became a part of his life.

"When I had my first drink of beer, I must have been four-years-old," he tells Oprah Winfrey during a chat on her talk show. "I was down in the basement with my dad and beer was there and I just grabbed it and drank it. And I remember that. It's one of my earliest memories."

It wasn't much longer until he tried it again.

"I seriously started drinking probably when I was about 12," he says. "I stole pot from my father when I was eight years old." Arquette also reveals that it was Cox and his sister, Patricia Arquette, who staged an intervention after New Year's convincing the actor to check into rehab. METRO

Clooney won't be running for political office

ADMISSIONS. While George Clooney is vocal about his political views, he insists he won't be running for office anytime soon.

"I didn't live my life the right way for politics, you know," he tells Newsweek. "I f—ed too many chicks and did too many drugs, and that's the truth."

But the actor adds that if he did decide to run, he "would start beginning by saying, 'I did it all. I drank the bong water. Now let's talk about the issues.'" METRO

Celebrity tweets

Kelly Osbourne [@MissKellyO] the only positive thing about waking up this early is getting to see the sun rise!

Melanie Brown [@OfficialMelB] Umm nothing like a cuppa yorkshire tea snuggled up with hubby for the night

Brett Ratner [@BrettRatner] Today I went past 1 million feet of film shot on 'Tower Heist'!! METRO

Lainey's Oscar file

BEST ACTRESS: NICOLE KIDMAN

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Known for her elegance and sophistication, Kidman is actually quite the daredevil, citing skydiving as one of her passions. She started jumping when she met Tom Cruise. At one point she was jumping so often, film studios had her contractually forbidden from the hobby while working on movies.

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Here are two easy-to-make recipes that will be the stars of your party.

Ice Wine Chocolate Truffles

Celebrate the Oscars with a hint of Canadiana and include the sweet nectar of Ice Wine. My favourite is Stratus Ice Wine Red 2007 with its strawberry rhubarb notes. Its sweet decadence with the chocolate is the perfect accompaniment to celebrate all the winners!

Ingredients:
- 8 oz (250 g) high-quality bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) ice wine

Coating
- 12 oz (375 g) high-quality bittersweet or white chocolate, chopped
- Gold flakes for garnishing

Preparation:

1 In heatproof bowl set over hot water, melt chocolate and butter. Let cool to room temperature for about 1 hour.

2 Meanwhile, in bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks. Fold half into chocolate mix; fold in ice wine then remaining whipped cream until combined. Using mini ice cream scoop (5 mL) scoop onto parchment paper lined baking sheet and freeze for 1 hour or until firm.

3 **Coating**: In heatproof bowl set over hot, not boiling, water, melt chocolate; keep warm. Using two forks quickly dip each truffle into chocolate to coat, letting excess drip. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Sprinkle top with gold flakes and repeat with remaining truffles. Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until set.

Extravagant Oscar Popcorn

For a night when celebs bask in the luxury of all things expensive, only the finest ingredients could create buttery rich popcorn as good as this one. And only a champagne flute will do for serving.

Ingredients:
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) canola oil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) popcorn kernels
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese
- Pinch each Fleur de sel and freshly ground black pepper

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▶ Chocolate Truffles and popcorn served in a champagne flute make ideal Oscar snacks.

Preparation:

1 In large pot, heat oil over medium. Add kernels and shake pot to coat kernels. Cover with lid and cook, swirling pot occasionally until popping begins.

2 Slightly askew lid to create a small steam vent and cook, swirling pot for about 4 minutes or until popping begins to slow down. Remove from heat and let stand covered until all popping stops. Remove lid and place in bowl.

3 In saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Place cheese in bowl. Gently pour butter into cheese, making sure to pour in only the butter and not the creamy whey. Discard whey. Add salt and pepper to butter and cheese mix; stir until cheese is melted. Drizzle over popcorn and toss until coated.

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Oscar Menu

Wondering what the stars will be dining on following the Oscars?

The menu created by Wolfgang Puck and chef Matt Bencivenga is inspired by Latin flavours, from classic paella to coastal seafood, along with signature favourites like gold-dusted chocolate Oscars.

Some of the specific delicacies include sushi; smoked salmon on flatbread with caviar and creme fraiche; and a vegetable paella with saffron and white wine. METRO

Watching the Oscars from the dinner table: Meals inspired by the movies.

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stick with group

But would be willing to trade for defensive help and depth up front

Jay Feaster isn't ruling out making a deal to improve the Calgary Flames prior to the NHL trade deadline on Monday.

However, he doesn't necessarily want to mess with the chemistry that the Flames have shown since he took over as Calgary's acting general manager Dec. 28.

"If there's an opportunity that we think is too good to pass up, we'll do it," Feaster said Thursday. "If I come out here with all of you Monday afternoon and say we didn't make a move, that's going to be all right too as far as I'm concerned because I really like this hockey club and I have no interest in breaking up this team."

Since Feaster replaced Darryl Sutter, the Flames have gone 15-5-5 and moved from 14th in the Western Conference standings to eighth prior to Thursday night's games.

"They deserve the opportunity to see this thing through and to bring this thing to the fruition of being a playoff team and seeing how far we can go in the playoffs," he said.

Feaster confirmed he has talked with other GMs around the league and will continue to do so leading up to the deadline.

"It's been a busy time, obviously, working the phones and getting a lot of phone calls," he said. "We're trying to improve our hockey team if I can."

"I really believe this group, what they've accomplished over the past couple of months, they deserve the opportunity to stay together."
FLAMES INTERIM GM JAY FEASTER

With Adam Pardy out of Calgary's lineup indefinitely with a shoulder injury, Feaster said he'd consider adding a veteran defenceman for the stretch drive.

"If we can do something on the blue-line, I would," he said. "To the extent that we can add another top-nine forward, I don't think you can ever have enough of that either.

"That's sort of the Christmas wish list. Whether Santa can deliver those or not, I don't know."

Calgary coach Brent Sutter said it's out of his hands whether Feaster will pull the trigger on a trade.

"We're both happy with the way our team's been playing and the way the guys have put the effort in and the commitment to how we want to be as a team," Sutter said. "We've had a pretty good run here and we want to continue it."

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▶ Flames players salute the fans following their victory over the Canadiens during the NHL Heritage Classic Game last Sunday.

Flames preview

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San Jose (35-21-6) takes a five-game winning streak to the Scotiabank Saddledome. After stumbling through January, the Sharks have responded with 10 wins in their last 12 games. Antti Niemi has been in net for every victory this month.

Calgary (31-23-8) can keep pace in the playoff race with a win at home. The Flames were in a four-way tie for fifth place in the Western Conference heading into Thursday's games. After winning Sunday's Heritage Classic, Calgary dropped 3-1 to Boston on Tuesday.
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'The key word is to try and find a positive'

Ottawa Senators assistant coach Luke Richardson is hoping something positive comes from the darkest moment in his family's life.

So, despite Ottawa's on-ice struggles this year, the club's game Saturday night against the Philadelphia Flyers holds plenty of importance following the suicide of his 14-year-old daughter, Daron, in November.

The contest will mark the first Do It For Daron Youth Mental Health Awareness Night, an event that will highlight issues surrounding mental health and suicide awareness.

"The key word is to try and find a positive," Richardson said Thursday before the Senators flew to Buffalo to face the Sabres on Friday night. "As difficult as it is, some days are always going to be difficult and there's nothing you can do about it.

"But I think there's something that we can do on the positive side to move forward and to help others in the situation that we've been placed in. We don't want to be here, but we don't want anybody else to be here, that's for sure."
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Sports in brief

Wainwright done for year

MLB. St. Louis Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright will have Tommy John surgery on his right elbow and miss the entire season.
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Kings poised to move?

NBA. The Sacramento Kings could be the next NBA franchise on the move.

In the latest and perhaps strongest signal yet that the Kings are considering a new home, the franchise filed a request Thursday for an extension on the NBA's March 1 deadline to inform the league if they intend to seek permission to relocate next season.
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Deadline deals

With two blockbuster trades having taken place earlier in the week, the NBA's deadline day saw few big names move, but a few notable deals

The trade

The struggling Cleveland Cavaliers acquired point guard Baron Davis and an unprotected 2011 first-round draft pick from the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Mo Williams and forward Jamario Moon.

Why it went down

Davis is owed $29 million US over the next two seasons, so moving him gives the Clippers a lot of financial flexibility. Cleveland general manager Chris Grant's goal has been to add draft picks to replenish his roster, and he will go into June's draft with two first-round and two second-round picks.

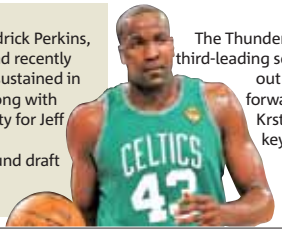
Mo Williams

The Charlotte Bobcats agreed to trade forward Gerald Wallace to the Portland Trail Blazers for a package that includes two first-round picks, centre Joel Przybilla and reserve forward Dante Cunningham.

The move gives Portland another athletic scorer and rebounder just as Brandon Roy returned from knee surgery. With two first-round picks and lowering their salary-cap figure by $8 million for next year, the Bobcats will have more flexibility to reshape the roster in the next few seasons.

Gerald Wallace

The Boston Celtics traded Kendrick Perkins, their starting centre who had recently returned from a knee injury sustained in Game 6 of the NBA finals, along with Nate Robinson to Oklahoma City for Jeff Green,
Nenad Krstic, a future first-round draft pick and cash.



The Thunder parted with Green, their third-leading scorer who frequently played out of position at the power forward spot, and the seven-foot Krstic for the chance to get the key interior defender they had been lacking.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeff Green

Senators pull plug on Kovalev

The Ottawa Senators broke the bank to sign Alex Kovalev two summers ago.

Instead of being the game breaker they thought he would be, however, Kovalev only managed to break a few hearts, and Thursday the Senators decided to cut their losses.

Ottawa general manager Bryan Murray continued his radical overhaul of the team's roster ahead of Monday's trade deadline by trading Kovalev to the Pittsburgh Penguins for a conditional seventh-round draft choice.

If the Penguins win a playoff round and Kovalev, who turned 38 Thursday, plays in at least half the games, the pick becomes a sixth rounder.

Kovalev becomes the fifth regular to leave Ottawa's lineup in two weeks, following Mike Fisher, Chris Kelly, Jarkko Ruutu and Brian Elliott out the dressing-room door of a team that will miss the playoffs for the second time in three seasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's too bad it's ending this way, but it's a business and it's a life."
ALEX KOVALEV

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	61	40	15	3	3	202	155	86	20-8-1-2	20-7-2-1	7-2-1-0	W1
d-Tampa Bay	60	35	18	3	4	187	188	77	20-7-1-3	15-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-Boston	60	34	19	2	5	188	145	75	15-12-1-2	19-7-1-3	5-5-0-0	W3
Pittsburgh	62	36	20	3	3	180	150	78	20-11-2-0	16-9-1-3	3-5-1-1	L3
Washington	61	32	19	5	5	165	153	74	17-7-2-5	15-12-3-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Montreal	62	32	23	4	3	161	161	71	19-8-3-3	13-15-1-0	3-5-0-2	L1
NY Rangers	62	32	26	2	2	172	155	68	14-14-1-2	18-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	61	28	24	4	5	177	188	65	15-10-1-2	13-14-3-2	3-4-2-1	L2
Buffalo	59	28	25	6	0	170	172	62	13-15-2-0	15-10-4-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	61	27	27	3	4	157	184	61	14-11-3-3	13-16-0-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Atlanta	61	25	26	4	6	174	201	60	13-12-1-4	12-14-3-2	2-7-1-0	L4
Florida	60	25	28	3	4	156	168	57	12-11-3-3	13-17-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	60	26	30	3	1	129	161	56	13-13-2-1	13-17-0-1	9-0-1-0	W8
NY Islanders	62	23	31	4	4	170	202	54	12-14-1-3	11-17-3-1	6-3-1-0	L2
Ottawa	60	20	31	5	4	137	195	49	10-16-2-3	10-15-3-1	3-6-0-1	W2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	61	38	14	4	5	204	145	85	21-5-1-4	17-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	60	37	17	4	2	202	173	80	17-9-3-1	20-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
d-San Jose	62	35	21	4	2	174	159	76	15-10-2-1	20-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W5
Phoenix	62	33	20	6	3	178	177	75	15-10-3-2	18-10-3-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	60	33	23	2	2	166	144	70	17-9-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Minnesota	60	32	22	1	5	158	156	70	16-12-0-3	16-10-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Nashville	60	31	21	5	3	156	143	70	14-6-4-3	17-15-1-0	4-4-1-1	L2
Calgary	62	31	23	3	5	186	178	70	18-10-1-2	13-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	L1
Chicago	60	31	23	2	4	191	169	68	18-14-0-0	13-9-3-3	5-3-0-2	W2
Dallas	60	31	23	2	4	164	172	68	17-9-2-3	14-14-0-1	1-8-1-0	L5
Anaheim	61	32	25	2	2	171	181	68	17-10-0-1	15-15-2-1	5-5-0-0	L4
Columbus	59	30	23	3	3	163	175	66	15-13-0-2	15-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	W2
St. Louis	59	27	23	4	5	166	176	63	18-10-1-3	9-13-3-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Colorado	61	26	28	7	0	178	210	59	14-15-4-0	12-13-3-0	1-8-1-0	L1
Edmonton	61	20	33	1	7	156	203	48	10-17-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Philadelphia 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Dallas at Detroit
Toronto 5 Montreal 4
Chicago at Nashville
St. Louis at Vancouver
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Wednesday's results
Edmonton 5 Colorado 1
Ottawa 5 Florida 1
Buffalo 4 Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 3 Anaheim 2
San Jose 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Tampa Bay 8 Phoenix 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

LATE WEDNESDAY

OILERS 5, AVALANCHE 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Penner 21 (Horcoff, Hemsky) 14:17 (pp)
Penalty — Porter Col (high-sticking) 13:48.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Gagner 13 (Paajarvi, R.Jones) 7:08
3. Edmonton, Hall 21 (Eberle, Gilbert) 15:49 (pp)
4. Colorado, Hejduk 19 (Duchene, Liles) 17:36 (pp)
Penalties — Peckham Edm (hooking) 7:46, Horcoff Edm (hooking) 10:24, Dupuis Col (roughing) 14:09, Vandermeer Edm (cross-checking) 16:32.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Eberle 14 (Cogliano, Peckham) 11:08
6. Edmonton, Foster 5 (Gilbert, Hall) 12:55
Penalties — Eberle Edm (hooking) 1:55, McLeod Col (high-sticking) 14:44.
Shots

Edmonton	3	13	15—31
Colorado	13	16	10—39

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,8-7-6); Colorado: B.Elliott (L,13-20-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 2-3; Colorado: 1-4.
Att. — 14,801 (18,007) at Denver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	46	78
Stamkos, TB	41	36	77
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	58	73
St. Louis, TB	22	50	72
Perry, Ana	31	36	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Zetterberg, Det	18	48	66
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Ovechkin, Wash	24	38	62
E.Staal, Car	27	31	58
Iginla, Cal	25	33	58
Kesler, Vcr	33	24	57
Selanne, Ana	20	36	56
Kopitar, LA	18	38	56
Nash, Clb	29	26	55
Giroux, Pha	21	34	55
Toews, Chi	20	35	55
Eriksson, Dal	19	36	55
Sharp, Chi	31	23	54
J.Carter, Pha	27	26	53
Backstrom, Wash	15	38	53
Tavares, NYI	23	29	52
J.Thornton, SJ	15	37	52
Briere, Pha	28	23	51
Vanek, Buf	22	29	51
P.Kane, Chi	20	31	51
Havlat, Minn	19	32	51
M.Richards, Pha	18	33	51
Ryan, Ana	28	21	49
P.Bergeron, Bos	20	29	49
Heatley, SJ	20	29	49
M.Koivu, Minn	15	34	49
Ribeiro, Dal	11	38	49
Duchene, Col	21	27	48
J.Williams, LA	20	28	48
P.Stastny, Col	18	30	48
Datsyuk, Det	17	31	48
Lidstrom, Det	12	36	48
Hejduk, Col	19	28	47
Clowe, SJ	17	30	47
Getzlaf, Ana	15	32	47
Marleau, SJ	24	22	46
Skinner, Car	22	24	46
Plekanec, Mtl	19	27	46

Not including last night's games

GOLF

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

At Marana, Ariz.
Nick Watney (32), U.S., def. Lee Westwood (1), England, 1 up.
Martin Kaymer (2), Germany, def. Justin Rose (34), England, 20 holes.
Rickie Fowler (29), U.S., def. Phil Mickelson (4), U.S., 6 and 5.
Graeme McDowell (5), Northern Ireland, def. Ross Fisher (37), England, 4 and 2.
Jason Day (38), Australia, def. Paul Casey (6), England, 4 and 2.
Ben Crane (39), U.S., def. Rory McIlroy (7), Northern Ireland, 8 and 7.
Luke Donald (9), England, def. Edoardo Molinari (24), Italy, 2 and 1.
J.B. Holmes (22), U.S., def. Ernie Els (11), South Africa, 1 up.
Matt Kuchar (13), U.S., def. Bo Van Pelt (45), U.S., 3 and 2.
Hunter Mahan (18), U.S., def. Robert Karlsson (15), Sweden, 2 up.
Bubba Watson (19), U.S., def. Mark Wilson (51), U.S., 6 and 5.
Miguel Angel Jimenez (23), Spain, def. Ryan Palmer (55), U.S., 4 and 2.
Matteo Manassero (57), Italy, def. Charl Swartzel (25), South Africa, 1 up.
Geoff Ogilvy (30), Australia, def. Thomas Bjorn (62), Denmark, 1 up.
Y.E. Yang (44), South Korea, def. Stewart Cink (53), U.S., 4 and 3.
Ryan Moore (48), U.S., def. K.J. Choi (49), South Korea, 5 and 4

LPGA HSBC CHAMPIONS

At Singapore
Par 72
First Round

Chie Arimura	34-34—68
Na Yeon Choi	35-34—69
Karen Stupples	36-34—70
Yani Tseng	34-36—70
Karrie Webb	35-35—70
Sun Young Yoo	34-36—70
Shanshan Feng	35-36—71
Natalie Gulbis	35-36—71
Hee-Won Han	37-34—71
M.J. Hur	35-36—71
Meena Lee	35-36—71
Jiyai Shin	35-36—71
Vicky Hurst	36-36—72
Eun-Hee Ji	35-37—72
I.K. Kim	35-37—72
Stacy Lewis	38-34—72
Mika Miyazato	37-35—72
Hee Kyung Seo	36-36—72
Wendy Ward	38-34—72
Lindsey Wright	37-35—72
Amy Hung	36-37—73
Jessica Korda	35-38—73
Catriona Matthew	35-38—73
Gwladys Nocera	37-36—73
Suzann Pettersen	36-37—73
Morgan Pressel	38-35—73
Angela Stanford	35-38—73
Momoko Ueda	36-37—73
Michelle Wie	35-38—73
Amy Yang	37-36—73
Shi Hyun Ahn	36-38—74
Meaghan Francella	37-37—74
Sophie Gustafson	37-37—74
Katherine Hull	36-38—74
Haeji Kang	36-38—74
Also	
Alena Sharp	**42-38—80**

GAMES

2011 CANADA GAMES

At Halifax

Province	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Quebec	42	36	34	112
Ontario	35	27	22	84
B.C.	23	25	25	73
Alberta	17	18	27	62
Saskatchewan	6	7	7	20
Manitoba	5	6	9	20
N.B.	2	5	7	14
Nova Scotia	3	4	1	8
Yukon	3	1	1	5
N.L.	0	1	4	5
P.E.I.	1	0	2	3
N.W.T.	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with C Raudy Read, OF Randy Novas, LHP Joel Barrientos, LHP Brian Escolastico, LHP Hector Silvestre, RHP Anderson Martinez, RHP Gilberto Mendez, RHP Felix Moscat, C Pedro Severino, C Jorge Tillero, 1B Ariaddi Peguero, SS Yewri Guillen, 3B Diomedes Eusebio, OF Juan de los Santos, OF Wilman Rodriguez and OF Dioncio Rosario on minor league contracts.

NBA

BOSTON CELTICS — Traded F Luke Harangody and C Semih Erden to Cleveland for a 2013 second-round draft pick.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Traded G Mo Williams and F Jamario Moon to the L.A. Clippers for G Baron Davis and a 2011 first-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed C Ryan Kalil to a one-year franchise tender.

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS — Traded D Brent Sopel and RW Nigel Dawes to Montreal for C Ben Maxwell and a 2011 fourth-round draft pick. Signed general manager Rick Dudley to a four-year contract extension.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Nick Leddy from Rockford (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Mark Katic from Bridgeport (AHL) on an emergency basis. Returned F Jesse Joensuu to Bridgeport.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Reassigned D Andre Benoit and F Jim O'Brien to Binghamton (AHL). Claimed F Marek Svatos off waivers from Nashville. Traded F Alex Kovalev to Pittsburgh for a conditional 2011 seventh-round draft pick.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Traded G Dan Ellis to Anaheim for G Curtis McElhinney.

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND

SECOND ROUND
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Ajax (Netherlands) 2, Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Ajax advanced on 5-0 aggregate
Braga (Portugal) 2, Lech Poznan (Poland) 0, Braga advanced on 2-1 aggregate
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 2, Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 0, Bayer Leverkusen advanced on 6-0 aggregate
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 4, Besiktas (Turkey) 0, Dynamo Kiev advanced on 8-1 aggregate
Liverpool (England) 1, Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0, Liverpool advanced on 1-0 aggregate
Manchester City (England) 3, Aris (Greece) 0, Manchester City advanced on 3-0 aggregate
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 3, Lille (France) 1, PSV Eindhoven advanced on 5-3 aggregate
Paris Saint-Germain (France) 0, BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0, 2-2 aggregate, Paris Saint-Germain advanced on 2-0 away goals
Spartak Moscow (Russia) 1, Basel (Switzerland) 1, Spartak Moscow advanced on 4-3 aggregate
Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 2, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2, 3-3 aggregate, Glasgow Rangers advanced on 2-1 away goals
Stuttgart (Germany) 0, Benfica (Portugal) 2, Benfica advanced on 4-1 aggregate
Twente (Netherlands) 2, Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2, Twente advanced on 4-2 aggregate
Villarreal (Spain) 2, Napoli (Italy) 1, Villarreal advanced on 2-1 aggregate
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3, Young Boys (Switzerland) 1, Zenit St. Petersburg advanced on 4-3 aggregate

CURLING

2011 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENTS OF HEARTS

At Charlottetown

Province (Skip)	W	L
Saskatchewan (Holland)	9	1
Canada (J.Jones)	7	3
Ontario (Homan)	7	3
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	7	4
Alberta (Kleibrink)	6	4
B.C. (K.Scott)	6	4
P.E.I. (Birt)	5	5
Quebec (Larouche)	4	6
Manitoba (Overton-Clapham)	4	7
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	3	8
New Brunswick (A.Kelly)	3	8
N.L. (S.Devereaux)	1	9

Yesterday's results
Draw 15
Nova Scotia 8 Alberta 7
Ontario 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 3
Prince Edward Island 8 Manitoba 5
Saskatchewan 7 New Brunswick 6
Draw 16
Canada 9 Nova Scotia 4
British Columbia 6 New Brunswick 4
Manitoba 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 7 (extra end)
Quebec 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 8 (extra end)
Draw 17
Saskatchewan vs. British Columbia
Ontario vs. Quebec
Prince Edward Island vs. Newfoundland & Labrador
Canada vs. Alberta.
Today's games
Tiebreakers (if required)
One Draw — 1:30 p.m.
Two Draws — 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Three Draws — 8:30 a.m., 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
PLAYOFFS
Page Playoffs
One vs. Two, 6:30 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

Group A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	1	1	0	0	2
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	2
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	2
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	2
Canada	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	0
Kenya	2	0	0	2	0

Group B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
England	1	1	0	0	2
India	1	1	0	0	2
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	0
West Indies	1	0	0	1	0

Yesterday's result
At New Delhi
South Africa (223-3) def. West Indies (222) by seven wickets.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	9	7	2	.778	101	78	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2
Rochester	8	4	4	.500	72	87	2½
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	69	81	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	84	97	3
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK EIGHT
Saturday's games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	41	14	.745	—
d-Miami	42	15	.737	—
d-Chicago	38	17	.691	3
Orlando	36	22	.621	6½
Atlanta	34	23	.596	8
New York	29	26	.527	12
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	14
Indiana	26	30	.464	15½
Charlotte	25	32	.439	17
Milwaukee	22	35	.386	20
Detroit	21	38	.356	22
New Jersey	17	40	.298	25
Toronto	16	42	.276	26½
Washington	15	41	.268	26½
Cleveland	10	47	.175	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	47	10	.825	—
Dallas	41	16	.719	6
d-L.A. Lakers	40	19	.678	8
d-Oklahoma City	36	20	.643	10½
New Orleans	34	25	.576	14
Denver	33	25	.569	14½
Portland	32	25	.561	15
Memphis	32	27	.542	16
Utah	31	27	.534	16½
Phoenix	28	27	.509	18
Houston	28	31	.475	20
Golden State	26	30	.464	20½
L.A. Clippers	21	37	.362	26½
Sacramento	14	41	.255	32
Minnesota	13	45	.224	34½

d-division leader
Last night's results
Miami at Chicago
Boston at Denver
Wednesday's results
San Antonio 109 Oklahoma City 105
Houston 124 Cleveland 119
Indiana 102 Detroit 101
Sacramento 111 Orlando 105
Philadelphia 117 Washington 94
Toronto 118 Chicago 113
New York 114 Milwaukee 108
Memphis 104 Minnesota 95
Dallas 118 Utah 99
Phoenix 105 Atlanta 97
New Orleans 98 L.A. Clippers 87
L.A. Lakers 106 Portland 101 (OT)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	52	495	412	1495	28.8
James, MIA	55	503	362	1439	26.2
Stoudemire, NYK	54	527	340	1403	26.0
Wade, MIA	53	477	344	1343	25.3
Bryant, LAL	59	530	350	1489	25.2
Anthony, NYK	51	447	349	1286	25.2
Ellis, GOL	56	530	258	1409	25.2
Rose, CHI	54	489	289	1350	25.0
Martin, HOU	57	378	430	1309	23.0
Howard, ORL	56	455	376	1286	23.0
Griffin, LAC	58	505	308	1325	22.8
Nowitzki, DAL	48	397	246	1090	22.7
Aldridge, POR	57	504	268	1279	22.4
Westbrook, OKC	56	417	385	1238	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	52	429	220	1139	21.9
Williams, UTA	53	369	302	1129	21.3
Granger, IND	55	392	256	1156	21.0
Love, MIN	58	397	344	1214	20.9
Randolph, MEM	54	434	209	1082	20.0
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	57	413	280	1106	19.4
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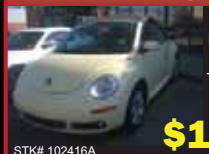

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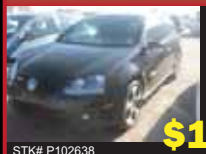

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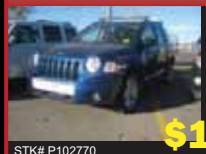

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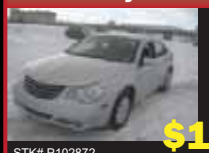

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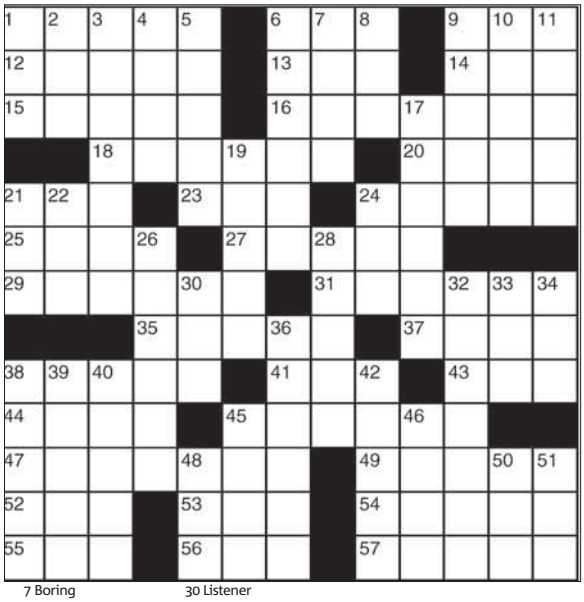

Across

1 A to Z
6 Vitamin stat
9 Foolish one
12 Marble type
13 Chic no more
14 Pi follower
15 Water softener
16 Level of achievement
18 Vegas wedding site
20 Angel's prop
21 Brewery product
23 — Lanka
24 Soft and smooth
25 Pod dwellers
27 Bury
29 Map-Quest offerings
31 "Planet of the Apes" star
35 Stallone role
37 You
38 Fantastic
41 Conclusion
43 Scrap
44 Capri, e.g.
45 Leopard's cousin
47 Hat
49 Scrub
52 Writer Kesey
53 Torched
54 Humiliate
55 Tramcar load
56 Aviate
57 Hosiery shade

Down

1 Talk on and on
2 Have — at (try)
3 Mime extraordinaire
4 Hexagonal state
5 — hell 'em
6 Entice
7 Boring
8 — glance
9 "This Was — Nice Clambake"
10 "Jaws" villain
11 Somewhat melted, as ice cream
17 Desire for a drink
19 Spectrum producer
21 Spring mo.
22 Virgo neighbor
24 Bishopric
26 16-time Oscar nominee
28 Immodest swimwear
30 Listener
32 "Walden" writer
33 "— the fields we go"
34 Profit
36 Beast's love
38 Michael Moore film
39 Leading man?
40 Aircraft
42 Ticket
45 Penitentiary
46 Actress Jessica
48 Sprite
50 Venomous viper
51 Born

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

		1		7		3	2	
7	8		5				9	
		2			6			
		6		1				
9		7				6		2
				4		5		
			8			4		
	6				1		3	9
	1	5		3		7		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	3	6	7	4	8	5	2	9
9	2	5	3	6	1	4	8	7
8	4	7	9	2	5	1	6	3
4	5	9	2	1	3	8	7	6
6	7	3	5	8	4	9	1	2
2	1	8	6	9	7	3	4	5
3	6	1	4	7	9	2	5	8
5	8	2	1	3	6	7	9	4
7	9	4	8	5	2	6	3	1

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Jenn, thank you for making these the best two years of my life, you are perfect, amazing and the best thing to ever happen to me. Happy two years! I love you so much. **LOVE ANDREW XOXO**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -29°	Min -18°	Min -18°
Max -12°	Max -1°	Max -4°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Today, give yourself room to consider more than just the usual options. If it helps, go some place where you can be alone with your thoughts. Privacy is your friend.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Be a bit more adventurous today. You may be satisfied with your lot in life but if you stay in one place and frame of mind too long, your satisfaction will diminish as the years progress.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You don't lack big ideas but you don't always act on them as quickly and decisively as you should. That should change now as the Sun joins forces with Mercury in the career area of your chart.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Get out into the world. The more you are on the move, the more you will enjoy yourself, and the more opportunities will come your way. It's not true that Cancerians are timid and shy, at least not today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Life is what you make of it and what you make of it today depends on what kind of eyes you use to look at the world. Always see things positively.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Speak up and say your piece today, regardless of the effect it might have on other people. The truth should never be suppressed and anyone who tells you otherwise obviously has something to hide.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You need to get your everyday routine in order, and you need to do it now. Things have gotten a bit chaotic lately and if you don't get a grip, you could be facing a lost weekend.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your gift of tuning into people's thoughts will put you in a strong position. You'll be able to predict what they will do before they do it. How can you turn the gift into money?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Open your eyes to new possibilities and believe that all things are doable for those who have the courage to move away from the herd. Follow your instincts and try out new ways of living.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may seem as if chaos rules but that's far too pessimistic an outlook. Never doubt there is a reason behind everything that happens and that you'll find love and laughter — soon.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you learn from your mistakes, you will avoid the trap that awaits you. If, however, you find yourself looking at the sky from a deep hole, you'll know you didn't learn fast enough!

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Do you push the limits as far as you can? Or do you take a cautious approach and make sure you get each step right before you take the next? Only you can decide. What's your heart tell you? **SALLY BROMPTON**

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